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Freight – and the (potential) role of Newcastle

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Good Afternoon Honourable Robert Brown and Committee Members

I will give a brief overview of the submission we made.

In 1990, we formed our company Paul van den Bos & Associated Pty Ltd (ABN 65 050 335 487), and operate under the trading name Transport Modelling.

We specialise in the numerical and analytical aspects of the land use – transport interface.

Our colleagues in three States have recognised our knowledge and skills in this area, with the result that our company is on the ACT, NSW and QLD State Government transport modelling panels – since the inceptions of those panels until today.

We write this submission because of the **lack of attention to the science of transport revealed in the Moorebank/Port Botany Interaction**. There has been glaring mistakes in their advertising.

We receive no payment for this work → we do this because we want the best for our society.

The NSW Government policy:

use Port-Botany - Moorebank option to service the future City

We feel this has not been considered in detail:

- The SIMTA EIS casts doubt on the rail capacity to serve Moorebank as well as the other intermodal terminals
- The NSW Freights and Ports Strategy spells out in detail, that there is no road capacity around the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal to take the additional intermodal traffic
- Our second book contains a list of 34 network sites around Moorebank Intermodal that affect existing and future traffic flows. This list has been extracted from traffic studies in our area.
- Examination if the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Project, Detailed Business Case, shows that it is extremely unlikely, that \$10 billion of economic benefits can be achieved.

Submission to encourage a report comparing Port Newcastle, Port Botany and Port Kembla

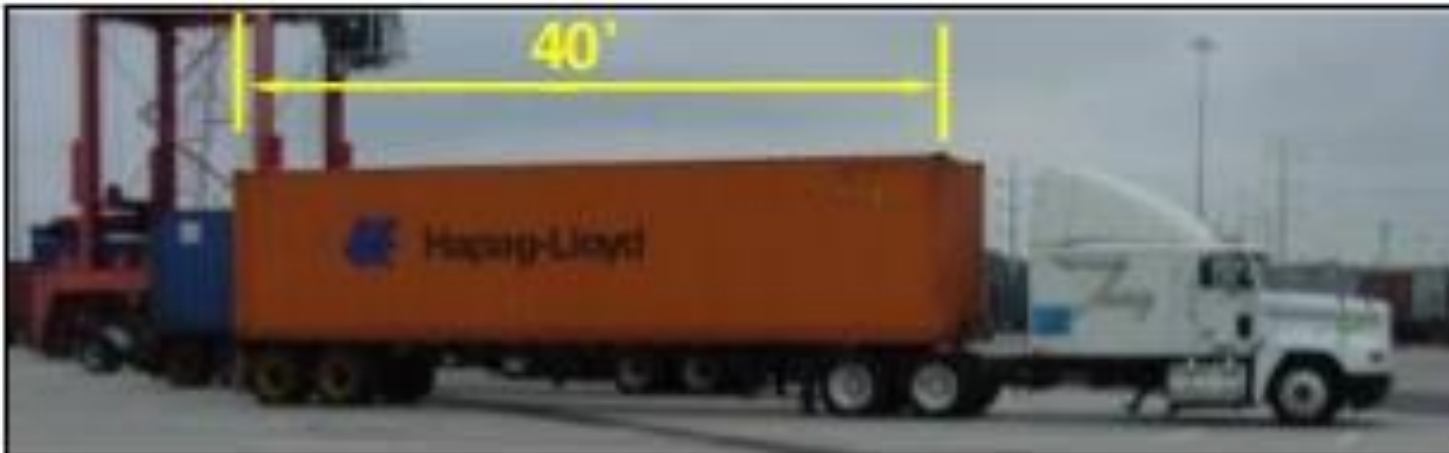
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Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit TEU

Always expressed as	TEU (per year)
Rail engineers use:	trains per day
Traffic engineers use:	vehicles per(peak) hour



One 20' container = 1 TEU



One 40' container = 2 TEU

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For planning purposes: yellow area

Population 2 x Brisbane Freight = 2 x Brisbane

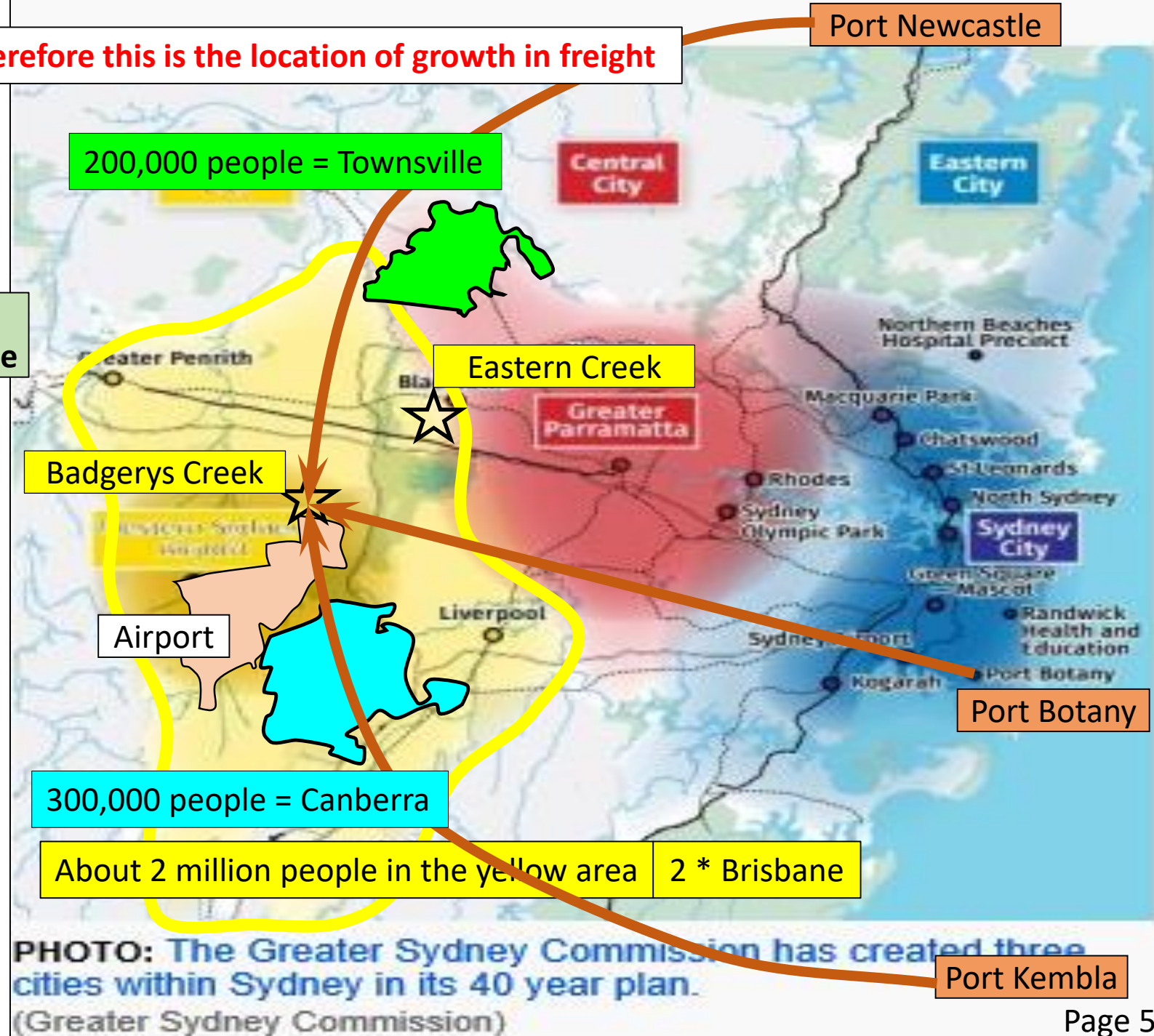
NSW Government estimates: - 20 years

Approximately 2,000,000 TEU's

- 1,500,000 TEU's for Badgerys Creek
- 500,000 TEU's for Eastern Creek

Possible options:

- Port Newcastle
- Port Botany
- Port Kembla
- combination



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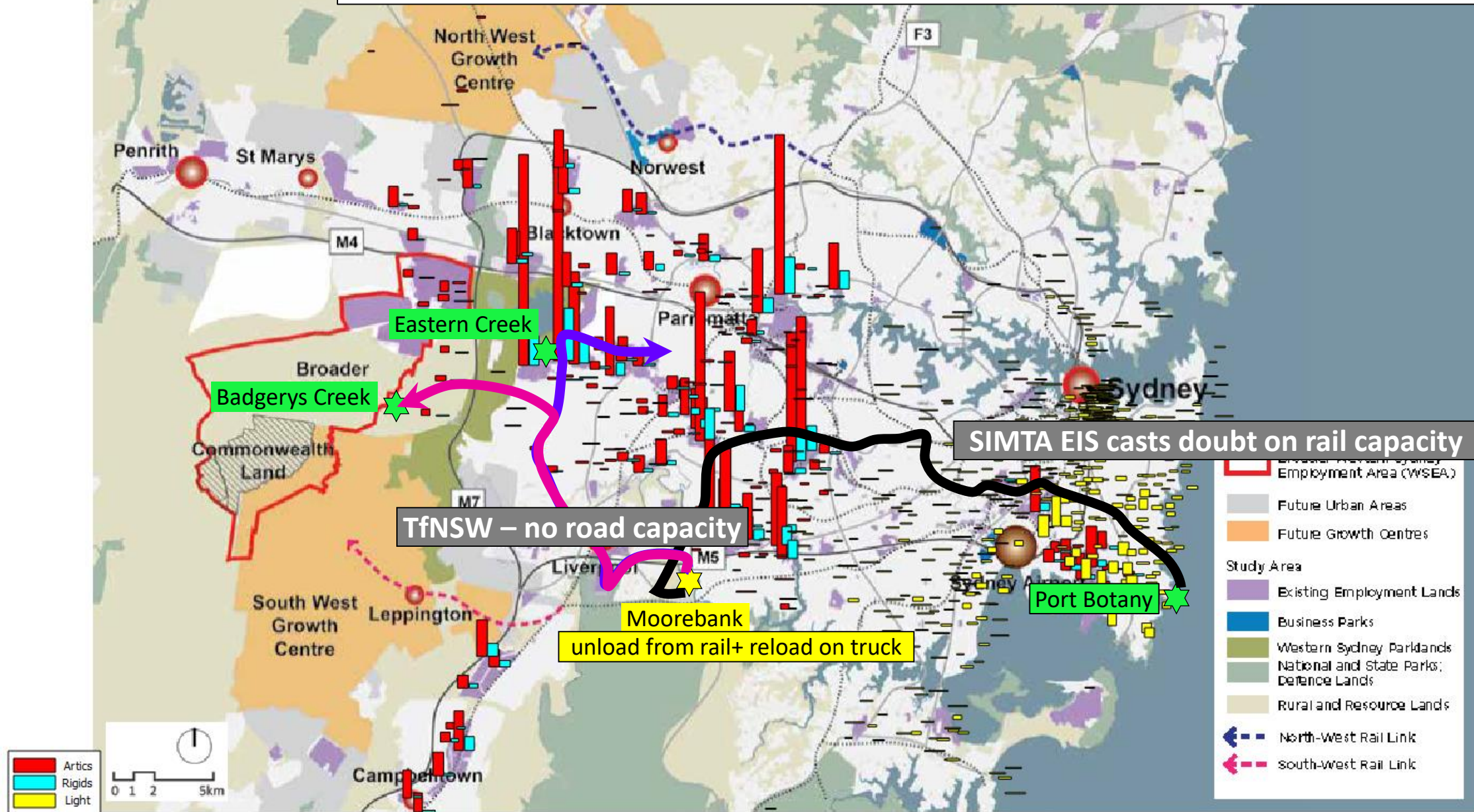
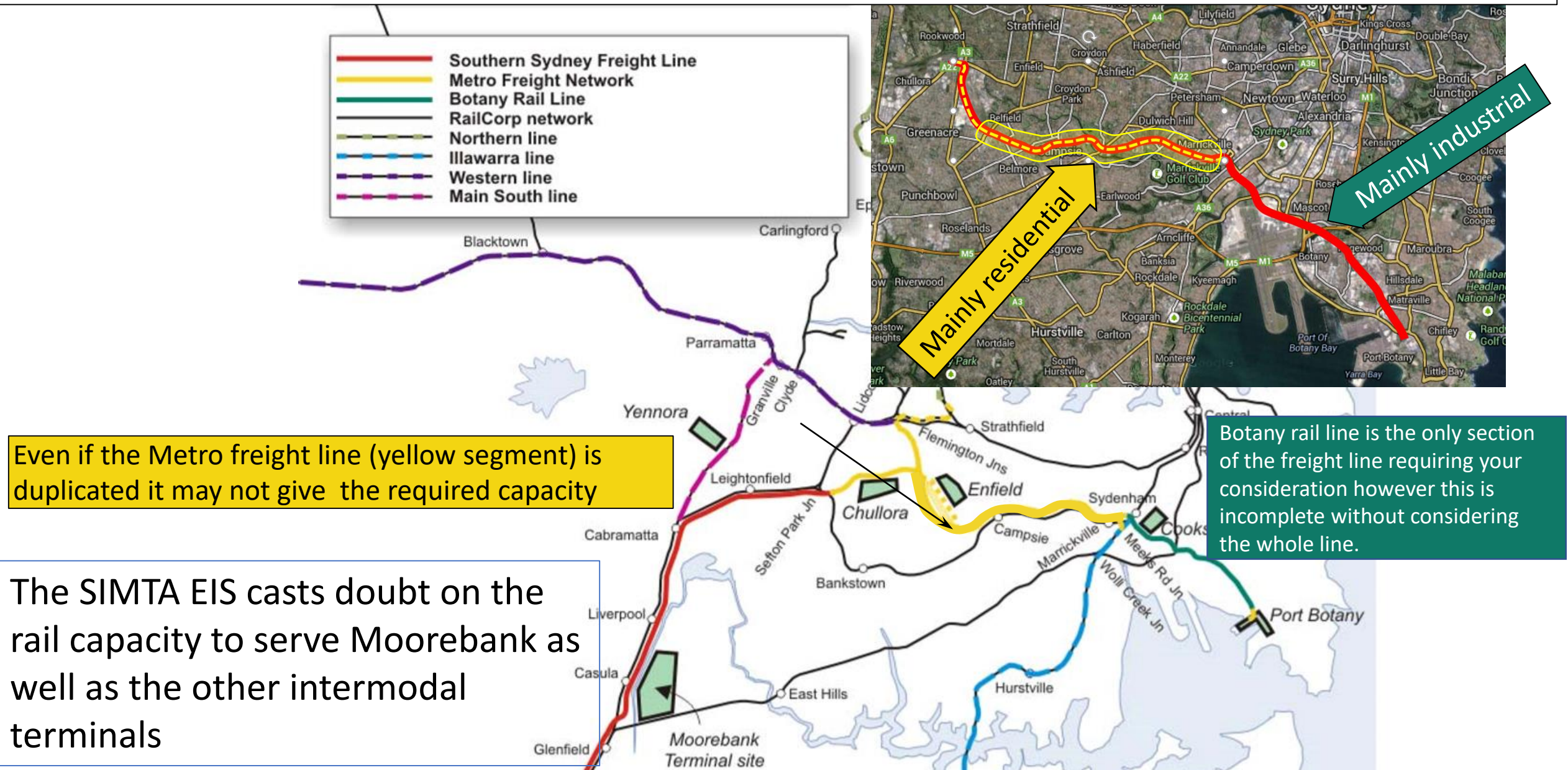
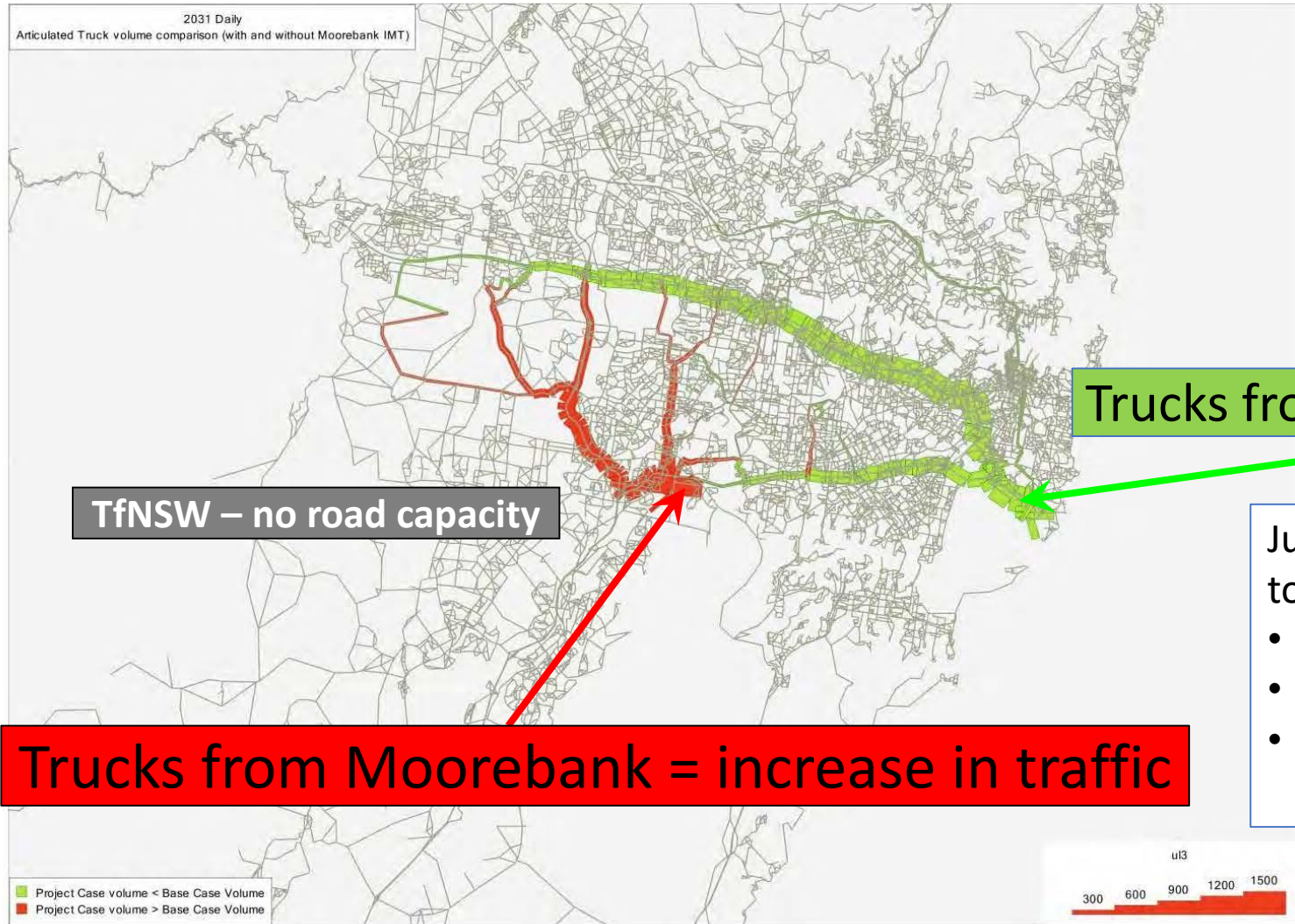


Figure 1 Study Area

3. Using this policy it appears that the freight rail upgrade may not meet demand - even when completely duplicated. Only the first section has been planned.



4. Using this policy the road network capacity will not meet demand



When Moorebank is opened

green = reduction in traffic

red = increase in traffic

band width is to scale therefore the wider the band the more traffic

Trucks from Port Botany = reduction in traffic

Just shifting the traffic problems from Port Botany to Moorebank!

- Moorebank has no infrastructure to cope.
- It has not adapted over many years.
- Therefore this solution does not work without huge resources to fix the roads.

Figure 4.2: Comparison of articulated truck volumes ('Project Case' versus 'Base Case')

4. Using this policy the road network capacity will not meet demand

NSW Government Ports and Freight Strategy: no road capacity around Moorebank Intermodal

CASE STUDY 16 SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOOREBANK INTERMODAL PRECINCT

The Moorebank precinct has been identified by the Australian and NSW Governments as a key strategic location to increase intermodal capacity. Two intermodal terminals are planned in the precinct: the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal (MIT) has been proposed by the Australian Government for the western side of the precinct, and a privately funded Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (SIMTA) has been proposed for the eastern side. Once complete, these two IMTs are expected to result in up to two million TEU of intermodal terminal capacity.

Transport for NSW expects the development of these two intermodal terminals in the Moorebank precinct to place significant strain on the surrounding local road network. While not all effects of terminal developments have been identified at this time, initial analysis suggests the following impacts to the local road network:

- Travel demand on the section of the M5 Motorway between the Hume Highway at Casula and Moorebank Ave is expected to exceed capacity as early as 2016.
- The absence of west facing ramps from the M5 to the Hume Highway results in a significant number of vehicles using Moorebank Avenue to access the Liverpool CBD.
- By 2026 growth in background traffic will result in peak spreading and traffic conditions similar to the existing peak period in the Liverpool area and on the M5, persisting for most of the day.
- Key intersections providing access to the Moorebank intermodal precinct will exceed capacity with volumes, especially of turning vehicles, resulting in extensive delays, with queuing sufficient to disrupt through movement.


To support the development of the Moorebank intermodal terminals and meet the challenges posed by impact on the local road network, Transport for NSW is seeking to provide road network upgrades. The specific goals of these upgrades include:

- Providing additional capacity and traffic reliability on key routes accessing the precinct.
- Ensuring full access to the precinct for High Productivity Vehicles (HPV), including Higher Mass Limit (HML) vehicles.
- Managing the needs of the precinct in terms of road access while addressing negative externalities for the surrounding community and environment.


Transport for NSW has made a Nation Building 2 submission to undertake modelling and economic analysis to determine the optimal road upgrade package to meet the needs of the developed Moorebank intermodal terminal precinct.



Huge Unknown cost to the government



The cost of fixing this infrastructure is huge. Our second book contains a list of 34 network sites around Moorebank Intermodal that affect existing and future traffic flows. These locations have been identified by Bankstown, Liverpool and Campbelltown councils as well as by SIMTA and the NSW government.



Fixing these road infrastructures as well as the rail capacity would involve huge government expenditure i.e. tax payers money. One overpass alone could cost \$500,000.

We have not seen documents outlining these costs. There could be bigger 'bang for buck' spending our tax dollar in better planned ventures.

5. Australian Government economic benefits of Moorebank was incorrect

3,300 trucks cannot come off the road because they do not go to Moorebank

The screenshot shows the Australian Government Department of Finance and Deregulation website. The main content area is titled "Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Project". It states that in April 2012, the Australian Government committed to the development of the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal (IMT) Project. The project involves the development of freight terminal facilities linked to Port Botany by rail, increasing Sydney's rail freight capacity and reducing road freight on Sydney's congested road network.

The detailed business case identified a number of major benefits of the Project including:

- 3,300 trucks a day taken off Sydney's roads between Port Botany and Moorebank by shifting freight to rail
- Approximately \$10 billion in economic benefits including reduced freight costs, reduced traffic congestion, reduced traffic accidents and improved productivity.
- Improved environmental outcomes, with less fuel used and less emissions due to reduced road freight – trains generate fewer emissions and use less fuel than trucks for each container moved.
- An estimated total of 2,625 construction jobs for the port shuttle and interstate terminals and a further 1,700 jobs for the south western Sydney region.

The design, construction and operation of the terminal will be undertaken by the private sector through a competitive process, in which they will be provided with an opportunity to contribute to the overall funding of the Project. The Government will establish a Government Business Enterprise to manage the process from 2013.

Funding for the next year of preparatory work for the project will be released in the Federal Budget on 8 May, enabling further development of plans for a port shuttle terminal to open in mid-2017.

The project is subject to planning approval with a draft Environmental Impact Statement due to be displayed late in 2012 to enable public feedback. Both Federal and NSW planning approval is being sought.

Background

In May 2010 the Australian Government tasked the Department of Finance and Deregulation to conduct a Feasibility Study (the Study) into the potential development of an intermodal terminal (IMT) at Moorebank in south western Sydney. The Study, comprising the development of a detailed business case, concept plan and environmental planning approval process, has been assisted by a group of advisers led by KPMG. The Study includes a detailed examination of economic, financial, social, environmental and technical issues.

The corporate advisory firm, Greenhill Calburn Pty Ltd, confirmed that the recommendations of the detailed business case will optimise early private sector involvement and investment through an open and transparent process, whilst ensuring that the Commonwealth's objectives are met to the maximum extent possible; and the Commonwealth site is the better option than the adjacent private sector site due to its closer proximity to connecting infrastructure and capacity for full interstate service delivery.

Other Languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese (Simplified)
- Croatian
- Filipino
- Khmer
- Macedonian
- Samoan
- Serbian
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Turkish

**Remove 3,300 trucks per day
\$10 billion in economic benefits**

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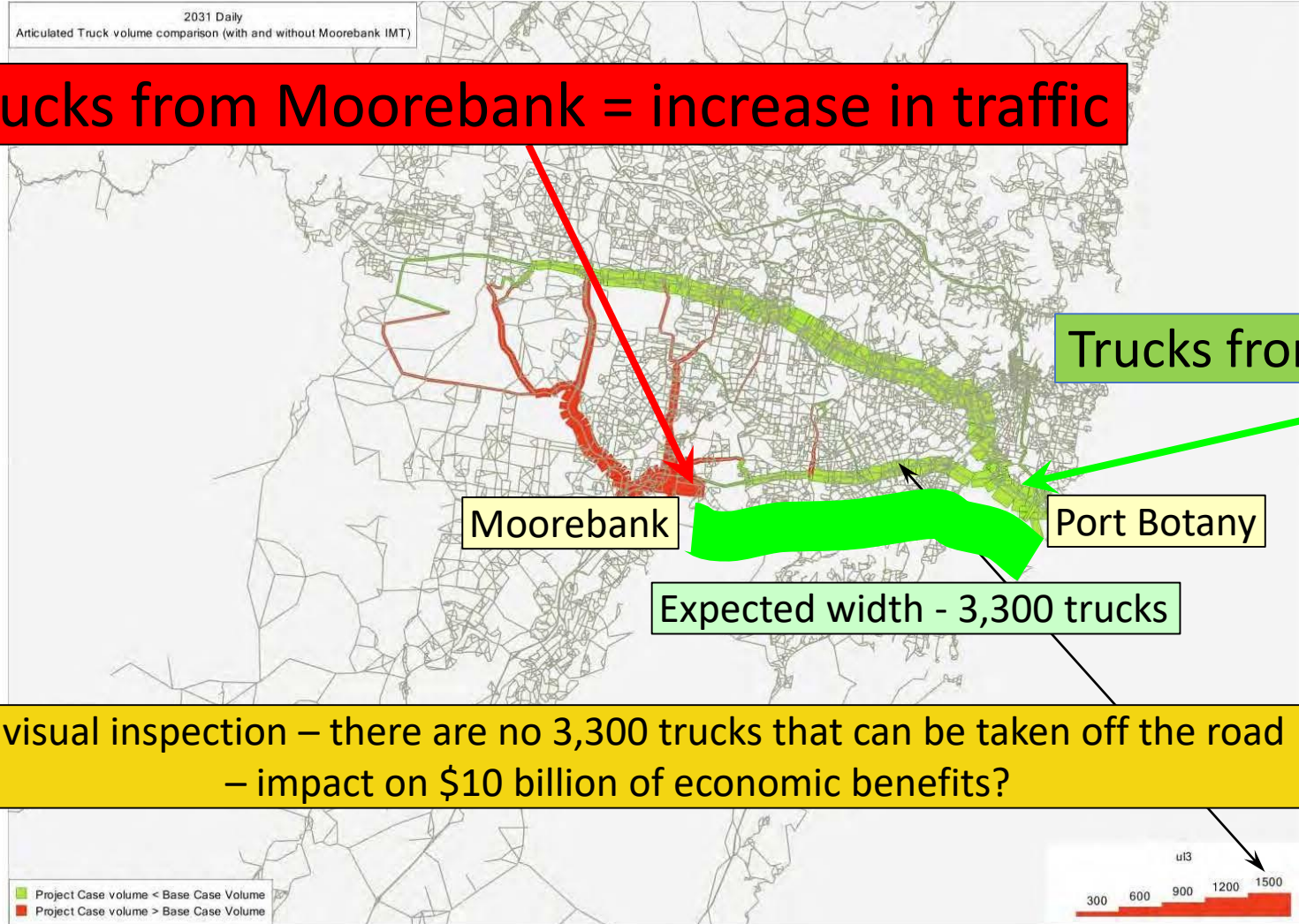


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Scale: Max 1,500

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Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Project
Detailed Business Case
6 February 2012

Trucks do not come off the road therefore benefits are incorrect

Department of Finance
and Deregulation

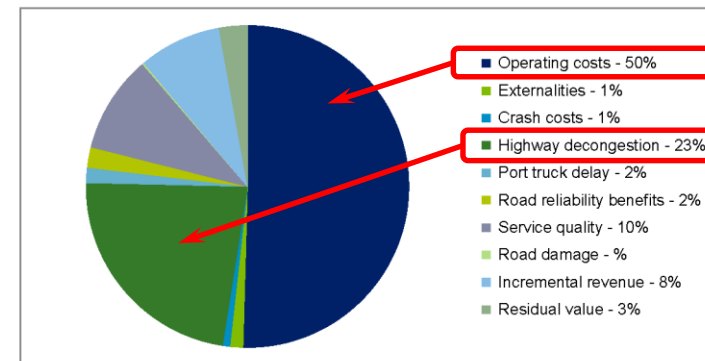
Moorebank Intermodal
Terminal Project

Detailed Business Case

6 February 2012

50% + 23% = 73%
Of all the benefits from mode shift

Graph 7.1 – Distribution of Project Benefits



Source: Deloitte

The project generates benefits in both the IMEX and interstate markets. Of the two markets, IMEX traffic generates a higher proportion of benefits than interstate. This reflects the significantly higher IMEX container volumes using rail in the project case compared to interstate.

The largest contributor to the benefit stream is operating cost savings resulting from a mode shift from road to rail. This benefit arises because the unit cost of rail is reduced in the project case as the Moorebank IRT provides more intermodal capacity in Sydney which removes an operating constraint which is apparent in the base case. Consequently, more containers can be transported from Port Botany to Moorebank by rail and this creates economies of scale of operation which reduce the price of rail freight. This makes it a more attractive option than road and results in a mode shift from road to rail. Given the higher utilisation and economies of scale of rail⁵², operating cost benefits resulting from the project are significant.

Other significant project benefits also arise as a result of the mode shift from road to rail including road congestion relief benefits (23 per cent of total benefits) and rail service quality improvements (10 per cent).

7.2.3

Project Capital Costs



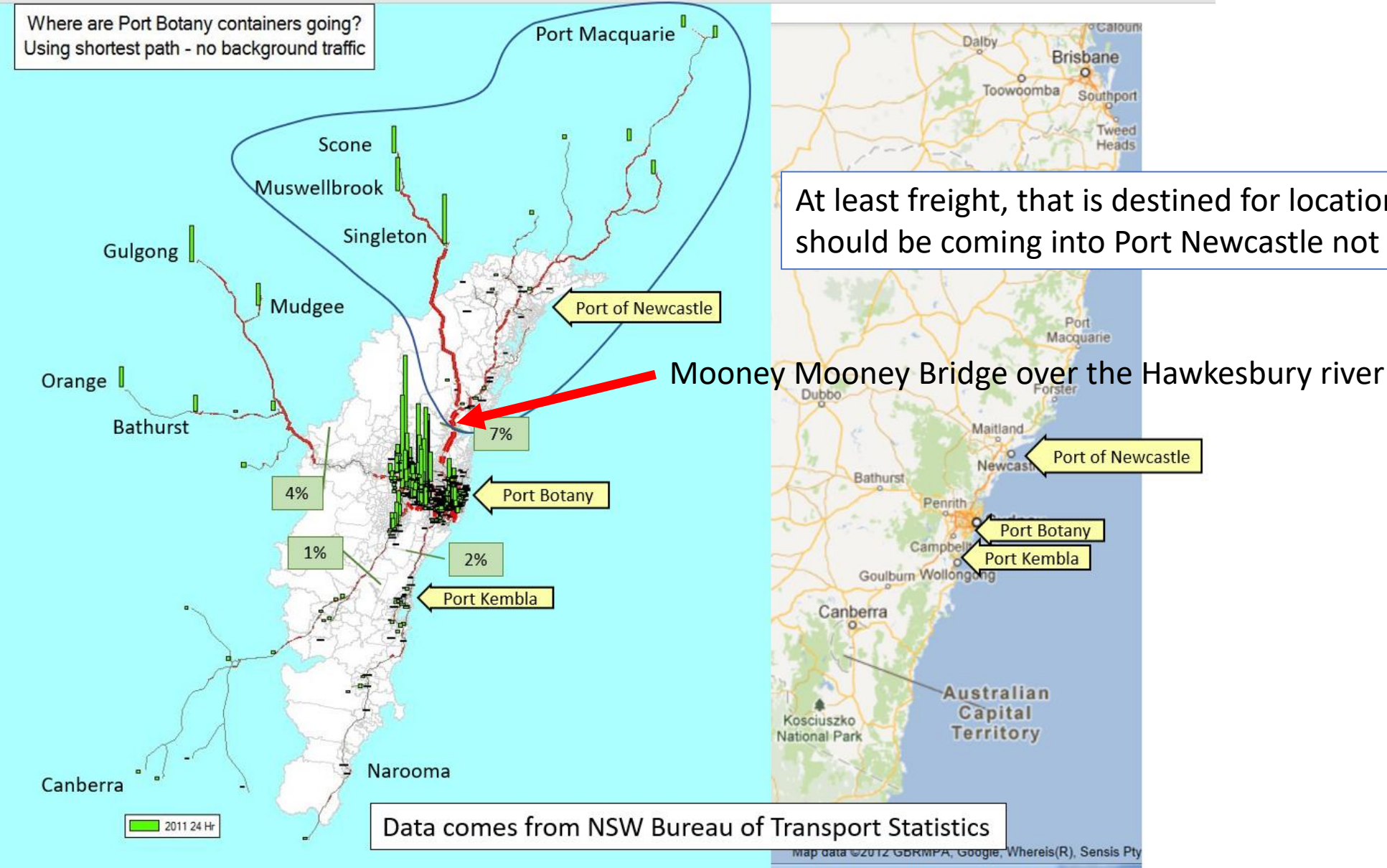
⁵² An IMEX container train can carry 70 TEU per trip compared to a maximum 2 TEU for a semi-trailer and 3 TEU for a B Double.

73 % of the benefits do not exist so this makes Port Botany and even less likely solution to the problem of freight for our future growth.

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6. At least use Port Newcastle to send freight that is required North of Newcastle

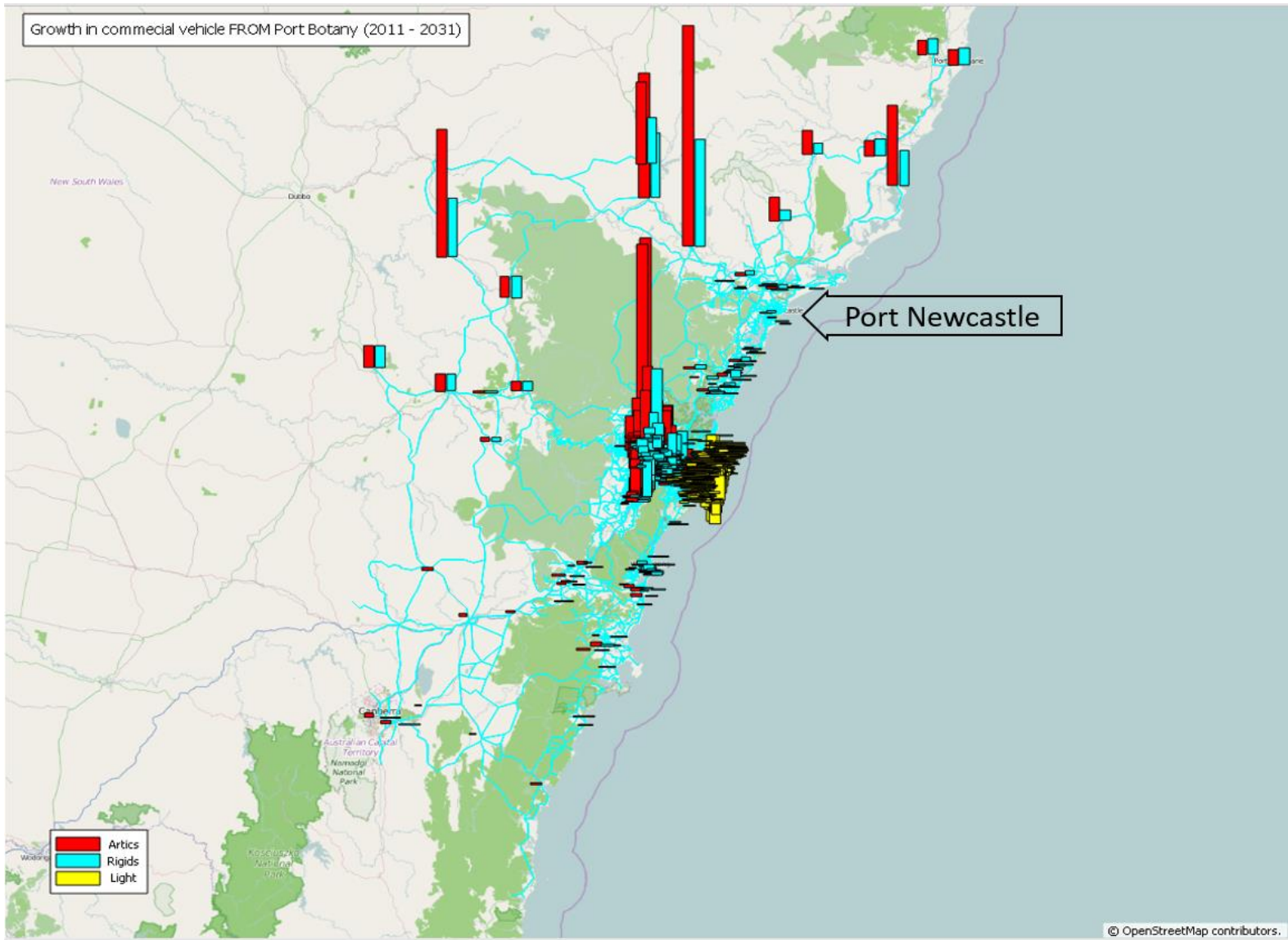
Figure 10 Where is Port Botany's freight going to? (2011)



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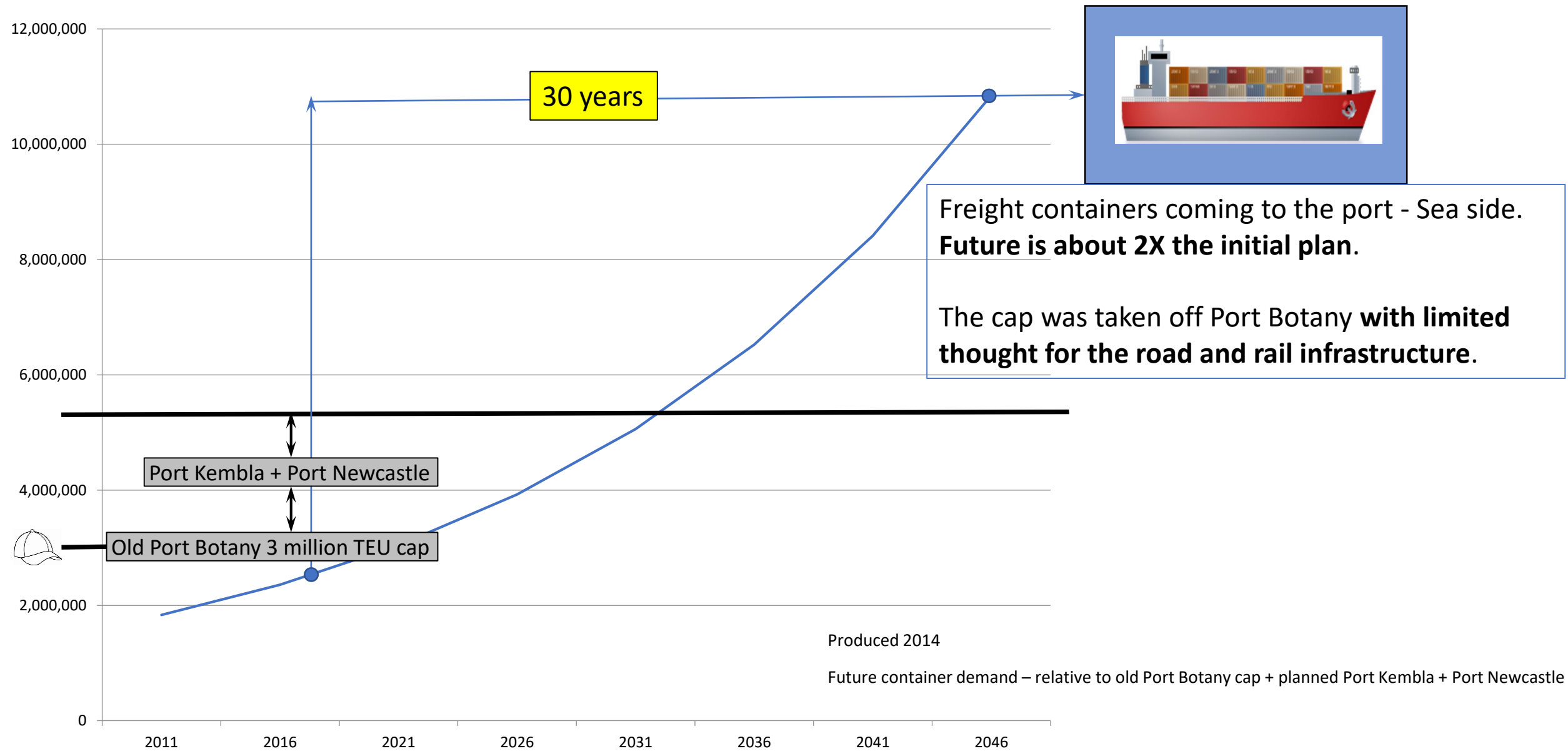
Future freight requirements

Figure 11 Growth in freight between 2011 and 2031 (old data - NSW TDC)



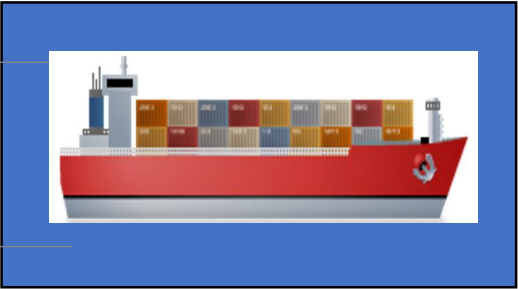
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Container demand



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Road and Rail share of Port Botany Freight



Road expected to take more freight than rail
The roads do not have the capacity to carry about 7,000,000 TEU's

Sydney does not have the rail capacity for about 4,000,000 TEU's

We are here

Current Rail capacity

8. Freight coming from Newcastle or Port Kembla needs more thorough investigation

This image comes from the Federal and NSW State Government report, showing their “broad brush” plan of a possible future rail bypass.

On the image on the left-hand side, we have pencilled in the proposed rail line to the future Airport on the “broad brush” line.

We have also pencilled in the Maldon – Dombarton rail line on the south.

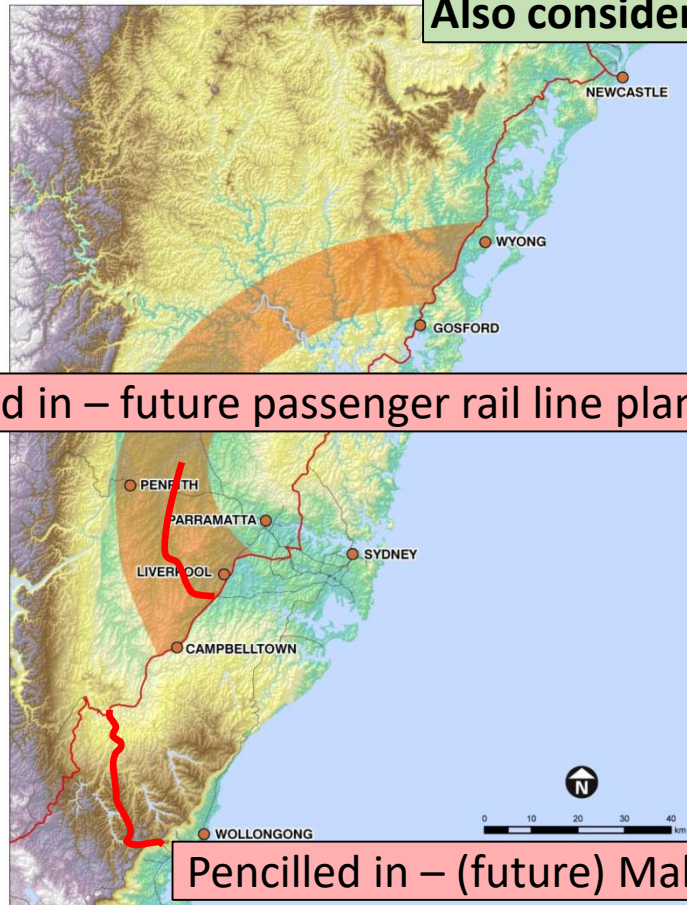
In the centre is the NSW Government’s artist impression future intermodal near the airport (from Draft Broader Sydney Employment Area Structure Plan)

The image on the right-hand side represents the close up of the future Airport and the two intermodals: Badgerys Creek and Eastern Creek.

Eastern Creek is a stone’s throw from Wetherill Park industrial estate where 45% of the current Port Botany freight destination goes.

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Figure 10: Indicative corridor for a Sydney rail bypass



The concept of constructing a rail bypass around Sydney is therefore a long-term proposition. It needs to include a link to the metropolitan freight network and would require detailed alignment analysis, environmental impact assessment and route acquisition prior to commencement of construction. In order to be of benefit the entire project would have to be completed in one stage and would need to have a dedicated connection to an extended metropolitan freight network. Whilst it is premature to estimate the possible cost, it could be expected to run into many

Not only Freight = 2 x Brisbane (Badgerys Creek)
Also consider Wetherill Park: serves existing 45% of Port Botany freight - Eastern Creek (planned)

Badgerys Creek (Southern Intermodal)

Transport, movement and access
Transport, movement and access are critical components to the success of an employment area. The road network and access to freight and passenger rail will dictate the location and types of land uses and staging of development. For the draft Structure Plan to be successful, integration of the planning and transport principles and objectives is required. The broader WSEA, a predominantly employment area, will require strong links to freight and access for the movement of heavy vehicles.

Principles

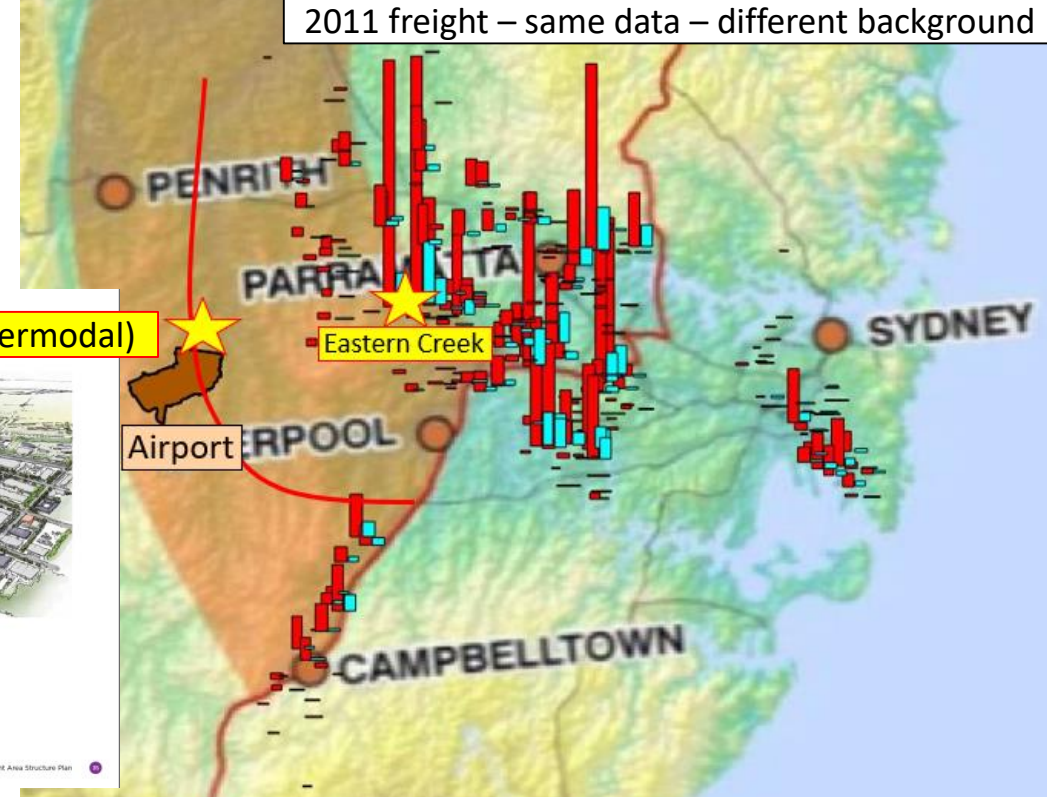
- An efficient road network with strategic links into the existing road network with direct access to local centres as well as direct heavy vehicle links to key freight corridors.
- The viability of public transport is increased with connections to planned and existing passenger rail and bus networks.
- The Structure Plan encourages appropriate distribution and location of businesses and industries to take advantage of transport infrastructure.
- Land is preserved for freight-related facilities and infrastructure corridors.
- Broader WSEA is connected and accessible internally and externally.



Figure 20: Southern Intermodal Terminal Concept

Draft Broader Western Sydney Employment Area Structure Plan

2011 freight – same data – different background



A feasibility study (including possible routes, costs and an economic benefit analysis) is required for moving freight from Port Newcastle to Sydney West growth centre.

Possible new rail lines could be more cost effective than fixing problems created from the government solution to move freight through Sydney traffic.

Conclusion

We urge the committee to consider

- an open and transparent report that compares the three Port options for determining the optimal solution to serve the new city with freight.
- that the report be robust.
- that the reports detail the economics (benefits and costs) of getting containers from the Ports to the new City – calculated on sound science for all the options.

At the moment the Port Botany – Moorebank option has unknown costs to implement and it cannot deliver the economic benefits originally proposed

- that the report be publicised for scrutiny by the taxpayer
- that there be no constraints put on any Port until these studies have been carried out scientifically and costed honestly

Answers to possible questions

We have grouped the demographic icons together.

- Housing, car trips, hospital beds, and public transport combined is expected to have an average growth of about 30%
 - Plus or minus a bit

Below the line

- Electricity, is expected to have $\frac{1}{2}$ the population growth
- Sydney airport is expected to grow more than 3 * demographic average
- Port Botany is expected to grow more than 10 * demographic average

The high expected growth is the background reason for WestConnex + Gateway projects

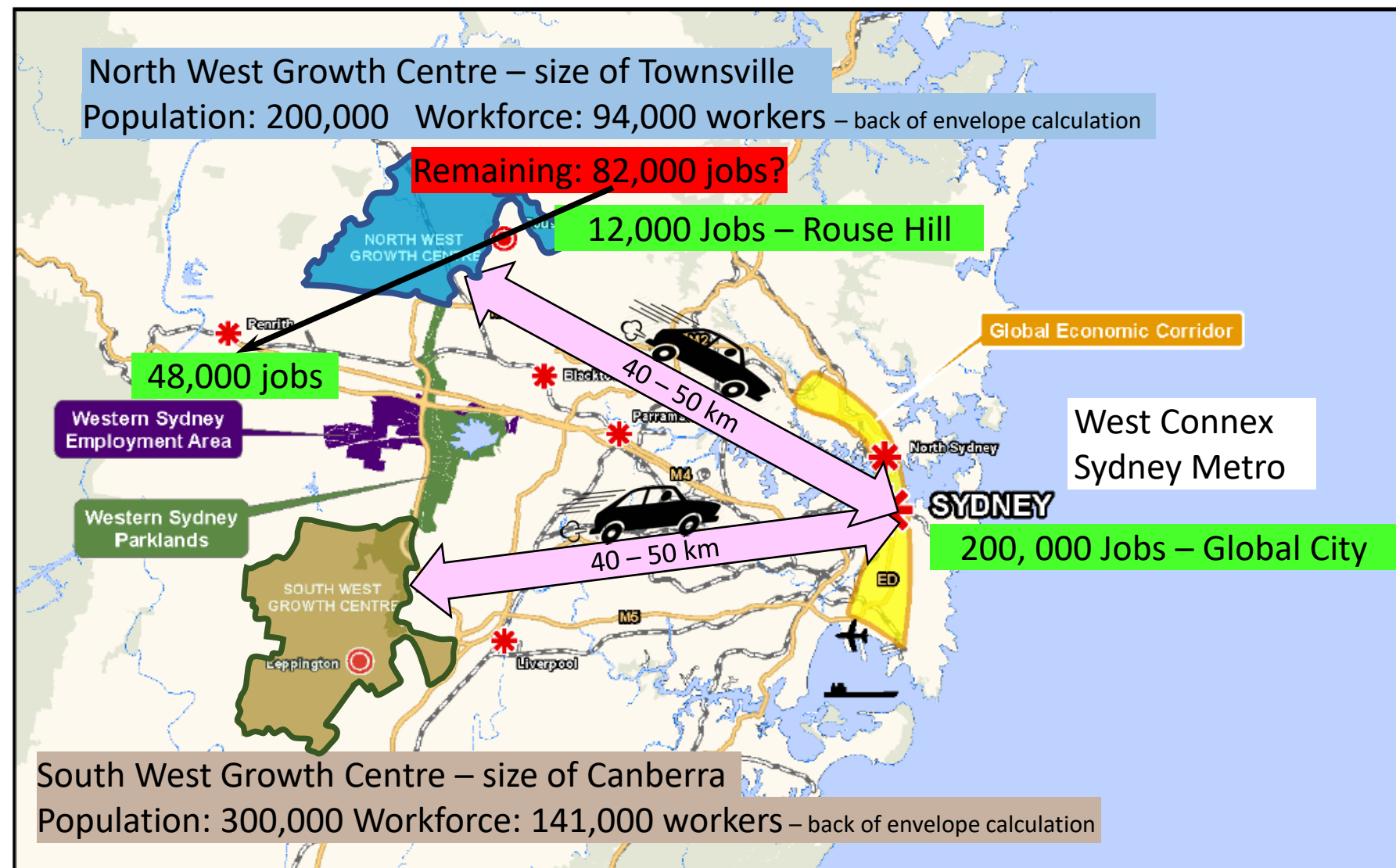
Since 85% of all the freight is consumed in Sydney, the 10 * increase means:

- In 2012, we would go out and buy 1 microwave
- In 2022, we would go out and buy about 10 microwaves, or about 10 * every thing we buy now



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Figure 3 Map of Sydney's network of existing and new centres



The analysis prepared for Infrastructure NSW by Deloitte Access Economics forecasts that around 200,000 additional jobs will be created in Global Sydney by 2031, leaving the region's share of Sydney's total jobs market unchanged from today.

Infrastructure NSW | State Infrastructure Strategy, The context Section 3 Infrastructure NSW | State Infrastructure Strategy Global Sydney Page 49

Source: Current NSW Metropolitan Plan.

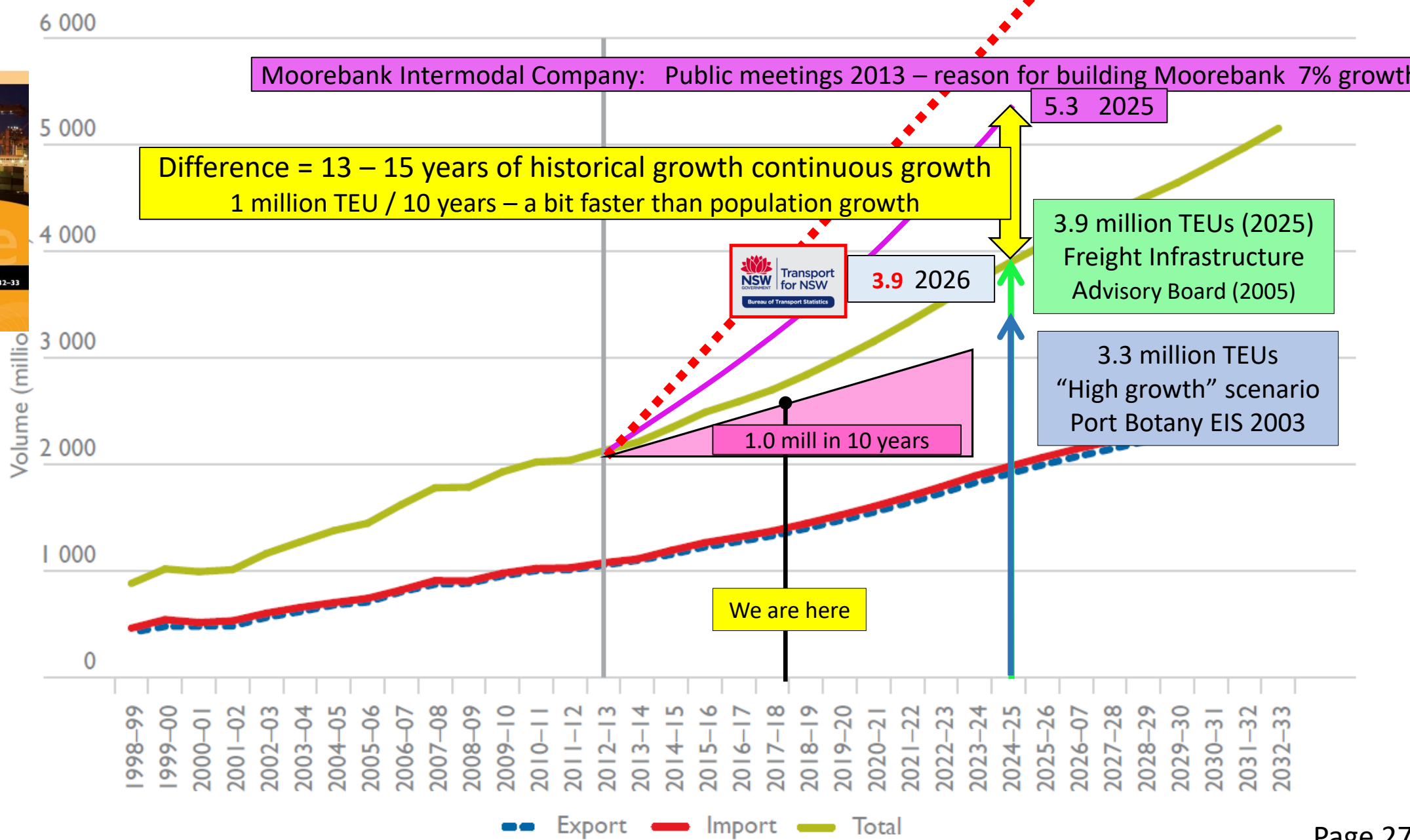
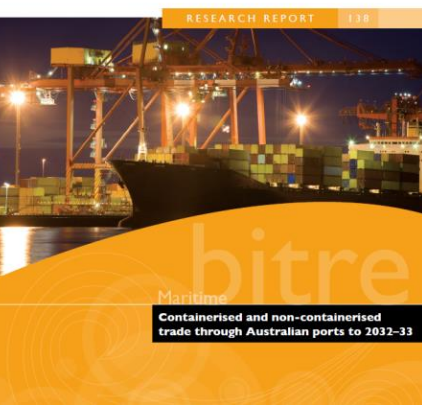
This graphs compares estimates by various organisations.

The “we are here” points to being right on our estimate.

The other professional estimates:

- Light green – brown diagonal from the Australian Government
- Blue arrow - High growth scenario from Port Botany EIS 2013
- Green arrow – Freight Infrastructure Board – 2005
- Pink Line from MICL – off the graph
- Red dotted line from SIMTA EIS – based on Port Botany estimates – into hyper space

Difference in MICL projection and Australian Government project equals 13-15 years



Here we did a “back-of-the-envelope” analysis of the historical growth rate.

Note there are two periods with zero – or – little growth.

Slice the time into 5 year periods, we can see that growth is roughly:

- ½ million TEU every 5 years

Between the two periods of no-growth, we can see that the growth is roughly:

- 1 million TEU per 10 years.

Use this back-of-the-envelope estimate

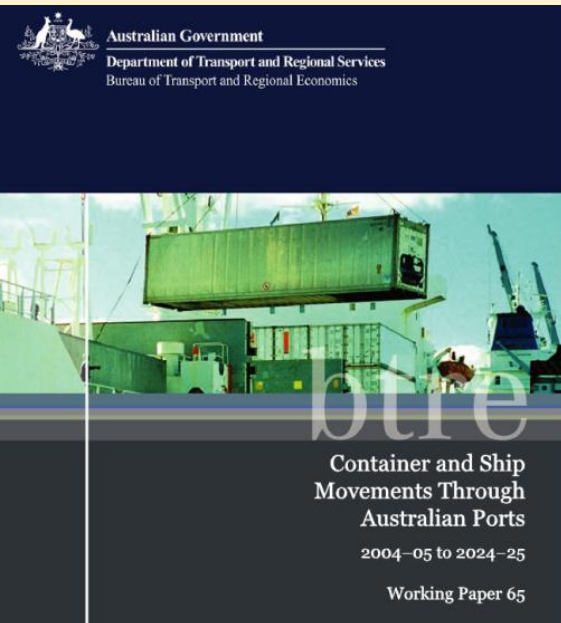
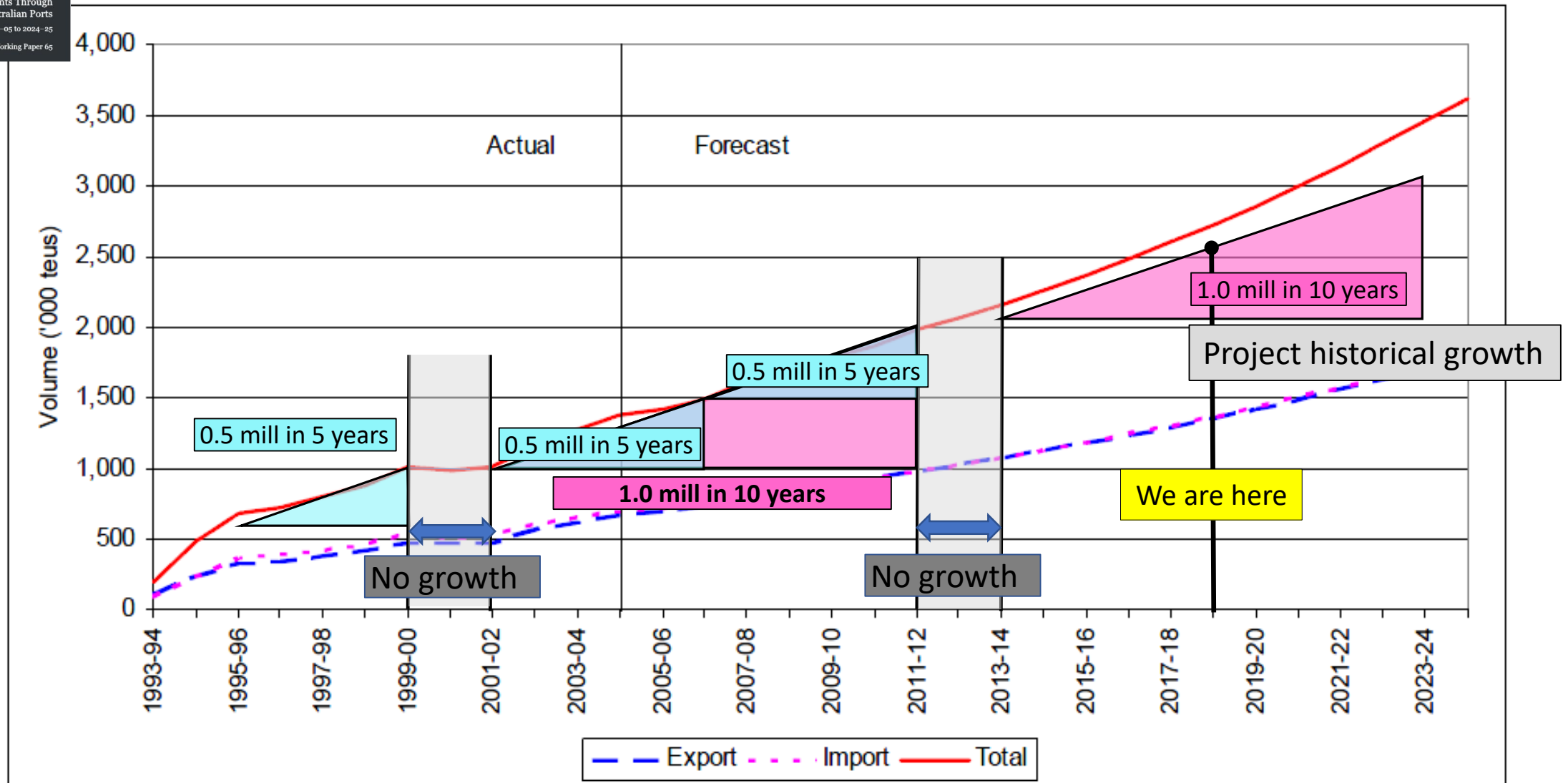


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FIGURE 4.5 CONTAINERISED TRADE, 1993-94 TO 2024-25: SYDNEY PORTS



Queueing theory -- we have “arrivals” and a “service”

- Arrivals - Imagine Coles or Woollies at peak hour -- Customers arrive at “random” - big trolleys and small trolleys
- Service rate is random

Now imagine a factory with a production line -- arrivals is constant -- service is constant.

Arrivals can be “random” or “constant” -- Service can be “random” or “constant”

The graph

- On the X axis – when we increase the arrivals 1.0 = capacity
- On the Y-axis = delay (queue length has a similar shape)

Start from zero and move towards the 1.0 (increasing the traffic)

The Random arrivals and random service (think of Coles and Woollies) gives us this curve – it turns higher and higher

This means that the queue gets longer and longer, and people have to have longer waits

When “capacity” has been reached, the store manager calls for another service to be opened.

The Constant arrivals and constant service give us the “brick wall” shape.

- If the capacity is 100 units per hour and it has to process 99 milk cartons = OK, 100 = OK, 101 – system breaks down
 - imagine what the factory looks like the next day

Random arrivals and random service has warning **before** system breaks – there will be long queues and long waits.

Case of constant arrivals – constant service --- there is no warning – theoretically -- it just crashes

Queueing theory

Random arrival rate



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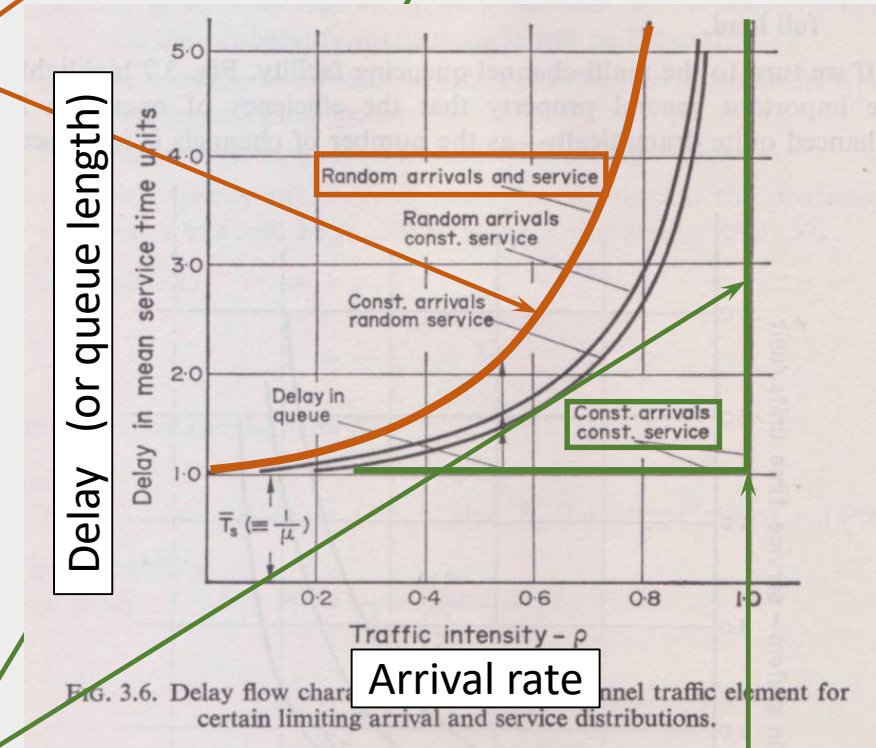
Random service rate



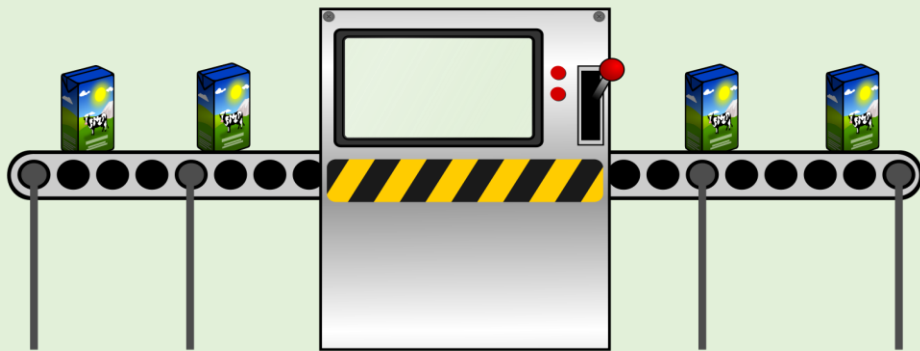
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Arrivals – random or constant
Service – random or constant

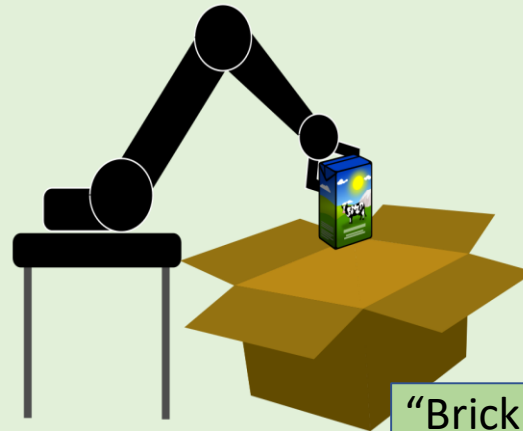
Four possible cases



Constant arrival rate



Constant service rate



"Brick wall" curve – no warning before capacity is reached

Now we can apply this theory

- For Port Botany:
 - Arrivals are random – there are small ships and large ships
 - Service is constant – close enough for individual containers
- Need to use this Blue curve – it is closer to the 1.0 capacity line.

This is a simplified explanation – but still holds.

In reality, Port Botany has three parallel berths

- Port Botany argues that a fourth berth is not required because there is spare capacity

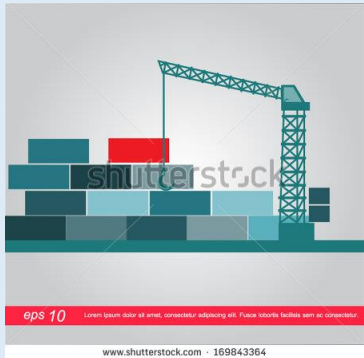
Rail capacity is closer to the factory capacity issue.

It is a good idea to believe the rail engineers' assessment on rail capacity

Random arrival rate



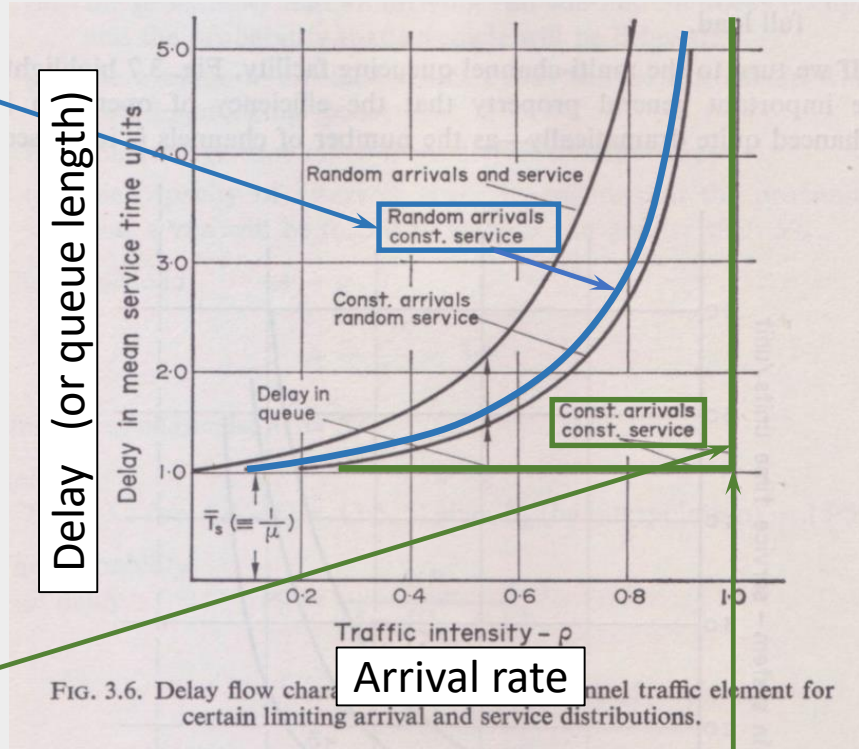
Constant service rate



Constant arrival rate



Constant service rate



Delay (or queue length)

Arrival rate

“Brick wall” curve – no warning before capacity is reached

- X – Axis
 - imagine being in an aeroplane and seeing the cars on the road
 - In the bottom right-hand-side: the cartoon – showing “jam-density” - think of 12 km long holiday traffic queues
 - On the left-hand side – you are driving the only car on the road.
 - Density starts from zero – add more, and more cars to the road – until we reach “jam-density”
- Y-axis – these are the black tubes on the road to count cars travelling over those tubes

As more cars are added

- on the X-axis – move towards the jam-density
- on the Y-axis – more vehicles travel over the tubes.

Because of the road conditions they travel at the speed limit. This is shown with the green line.

At the max flow, there are enough cars

When more cars are added

- on the X-axis – move further towards the jam-density
- on the Y-axis – fewer vehicles travel over the tubes.

Drivers feel that the gaps between the cars are too close and reduce their speed, and therefore fewer cars travel over the tubes. This is shown with the red line.

As more and more vehicles are added – moving towards jam-density, vehicles slow down even further, and fewer vehicles travel over those tubes.

At jam-density – no one moves, speed = zero, and no one travels over the tube.

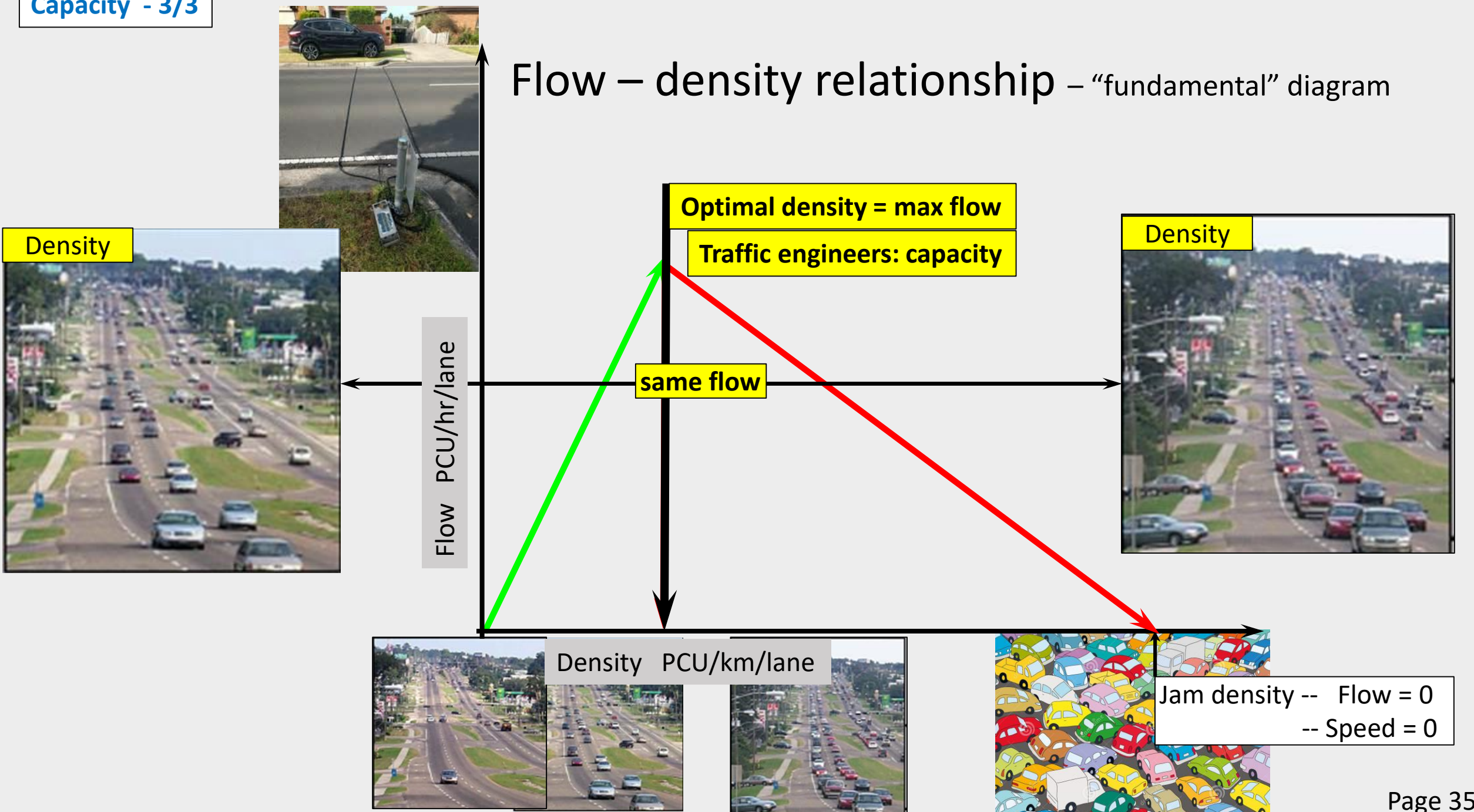
For traffic engineers, the capacity is at the peak of the graph.

- Where life for a traffic engineer becomes difficult is if they are given a traffic flow, they do not know if they are on the green line or red line.

If they are on the green line – the road system can handle some additional traffic

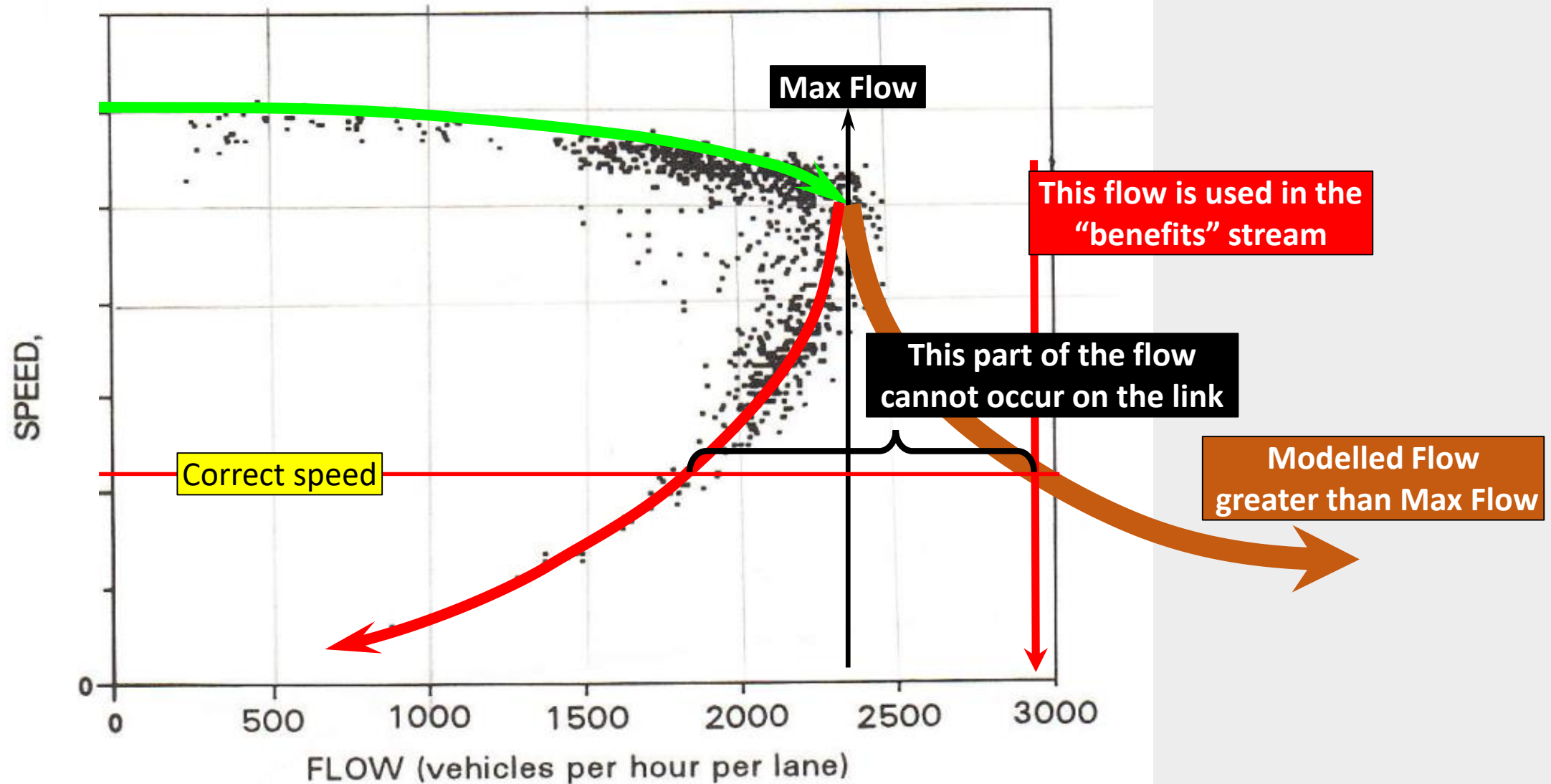
If they are on the red line – the road system definitely cannot handle the additional traffic

Flow – density relationship – “fundamental” diagram



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Fundamental diagram: – Speed-Flow relationship (strategic models)



This image shows the observed distances between vehicles on a 100 km/hr roadway in Melbourne

- X-axis the speed
- Y-axis the distance

From the top of the Y-axis

- If there are few cars on the road – large spacing – speed = 100 km/hr
- If more cars are added to the road, the spacing reduces – speed = 100 km/hr
- Critical spacing – there are “enough” cars on the road
- Any more – car drivers reduce speed, and accept a smaller spacing

SIMTA survey, circa 2010, showed speed on the M5 Georges River Bridge = 50km/hr-60 km/hr

You can eye-ball the expected spacing between cars.

Proposed trucks to be used for Moorebank Intermodal → larger than the spacing

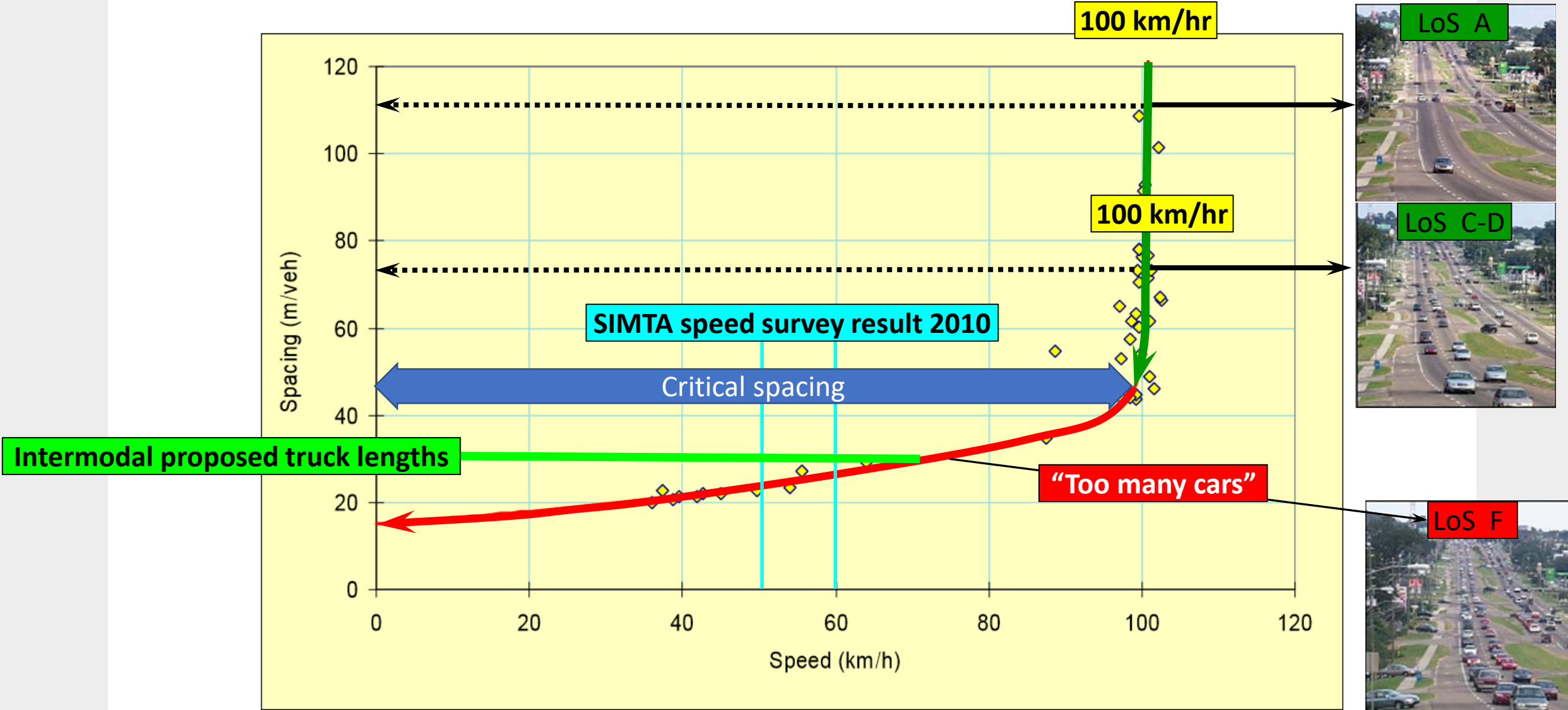
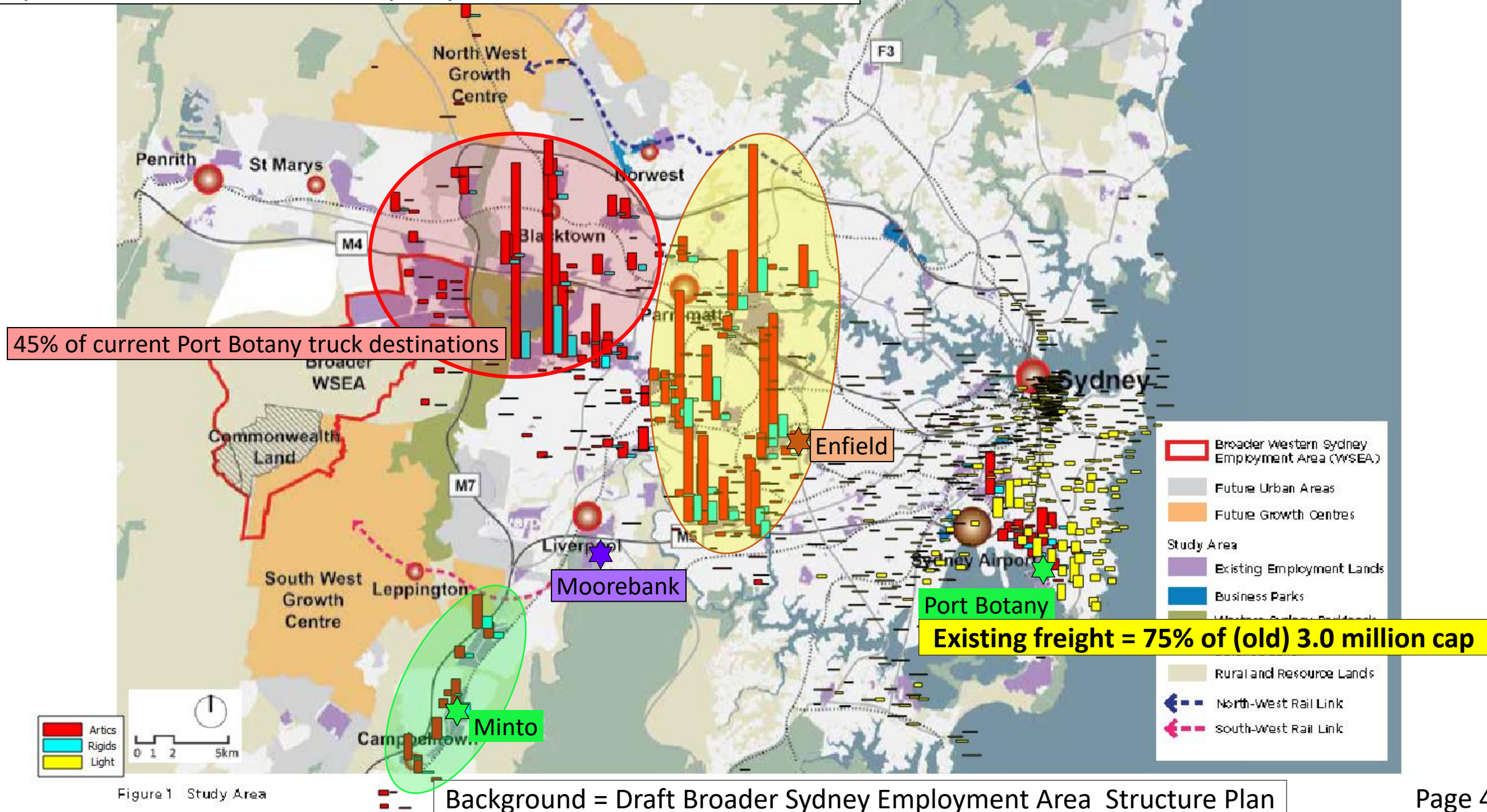


Figure 6.2 - Estimated and measured spacing - speed values for the freeway basic segment data collected in Melbourne (described in ARR 341)

Mr Craig Kelly MP asked us “Where are the Port Botany containers going”
– emphasis on destinations inside Sydney

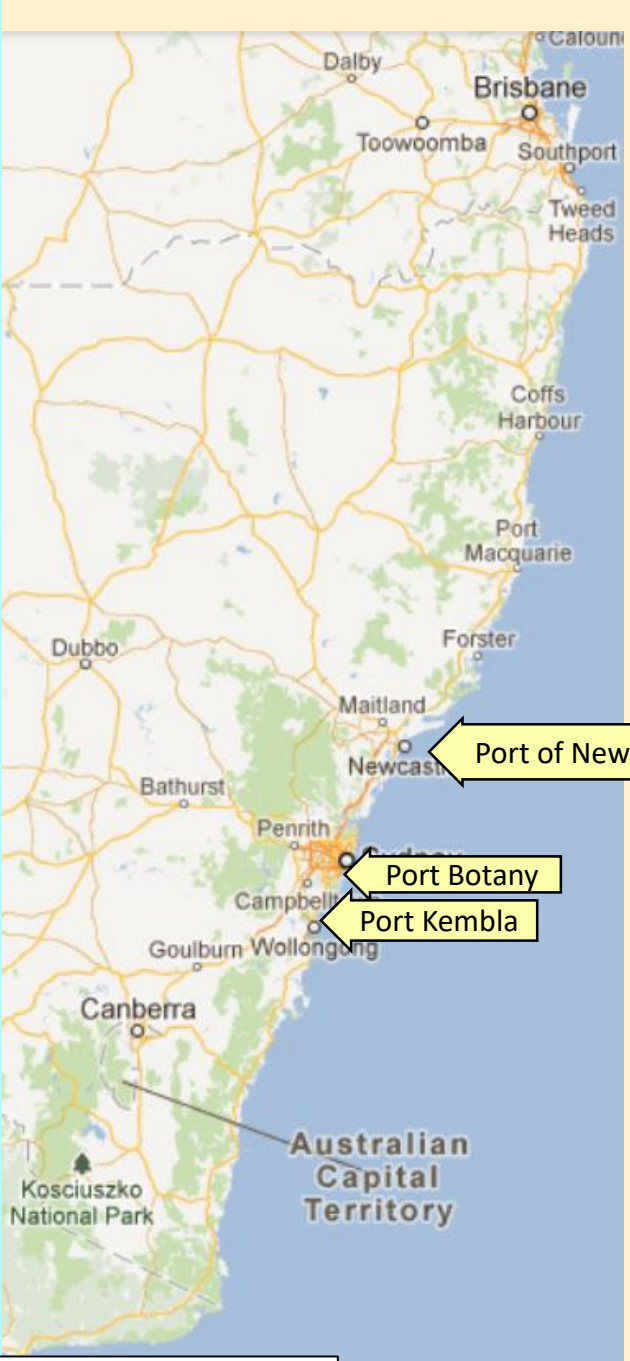


Port Newcastle market

Where are Port Botany containers going?
Using shortest path - no background traffic

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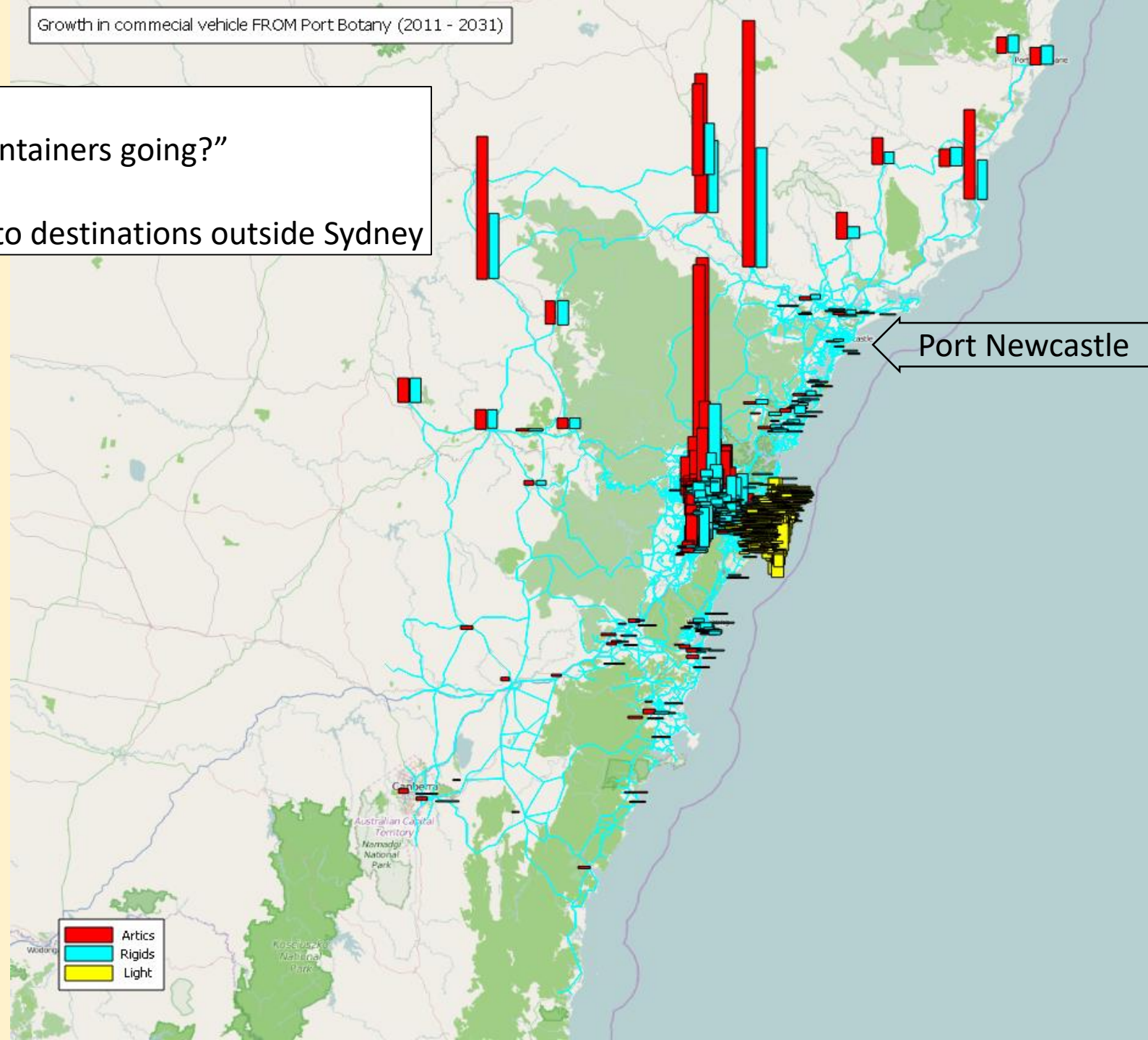
Emphasis on destinations outside Sydney



Data comes from NSW Bureau of Transport Statistics

Mr Craig Kelly MP asked us:
“Where are the Port Botany containers going?”

Emphasis on **growth in freight** to destinations outside Sydney



modellers were asked to generate numbers as high as possible for their toll road modelling

- The Australian average, only 40% of the modelled traffic went to through the toll booths

A Sanity Check

Intermodal	TEU	Daily Flow	Factored to 1 Mil TEU	Comment
Port Botany	2,000,000	4,700	2,350	No warehousing
Camellia	80,000	5,100	63,300	Warehousing
Chullora	300,000	7,400	24,800	Warehousing
Enfield	300,000	1,500	4,900	Warehousing
Leightonfield	80,000	7,600	95,000	Warehousing
Minto	150,000	5,000	33,000	Warehousing
Yennora	170,000	6,000	35,000	Warehousing
SIMTA	1,000,000	2,600	2,600	Warehousing
Average			42,666	
TfNSW	2,000,000	20,700	10,350	

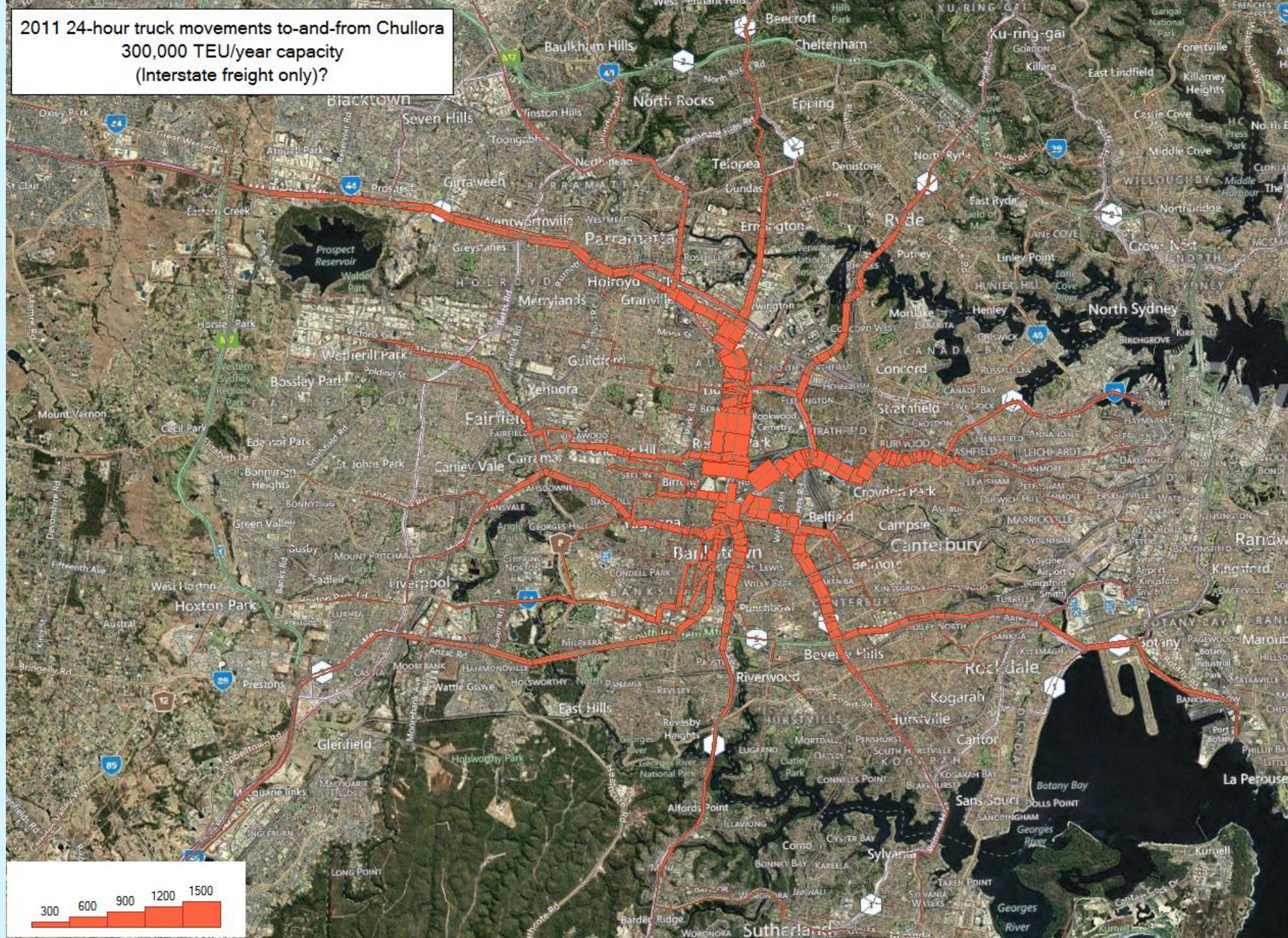
In the case of intermodal terminals, the lowest possible numbers were required.

The following images show the traffic generated from the various intermodals.

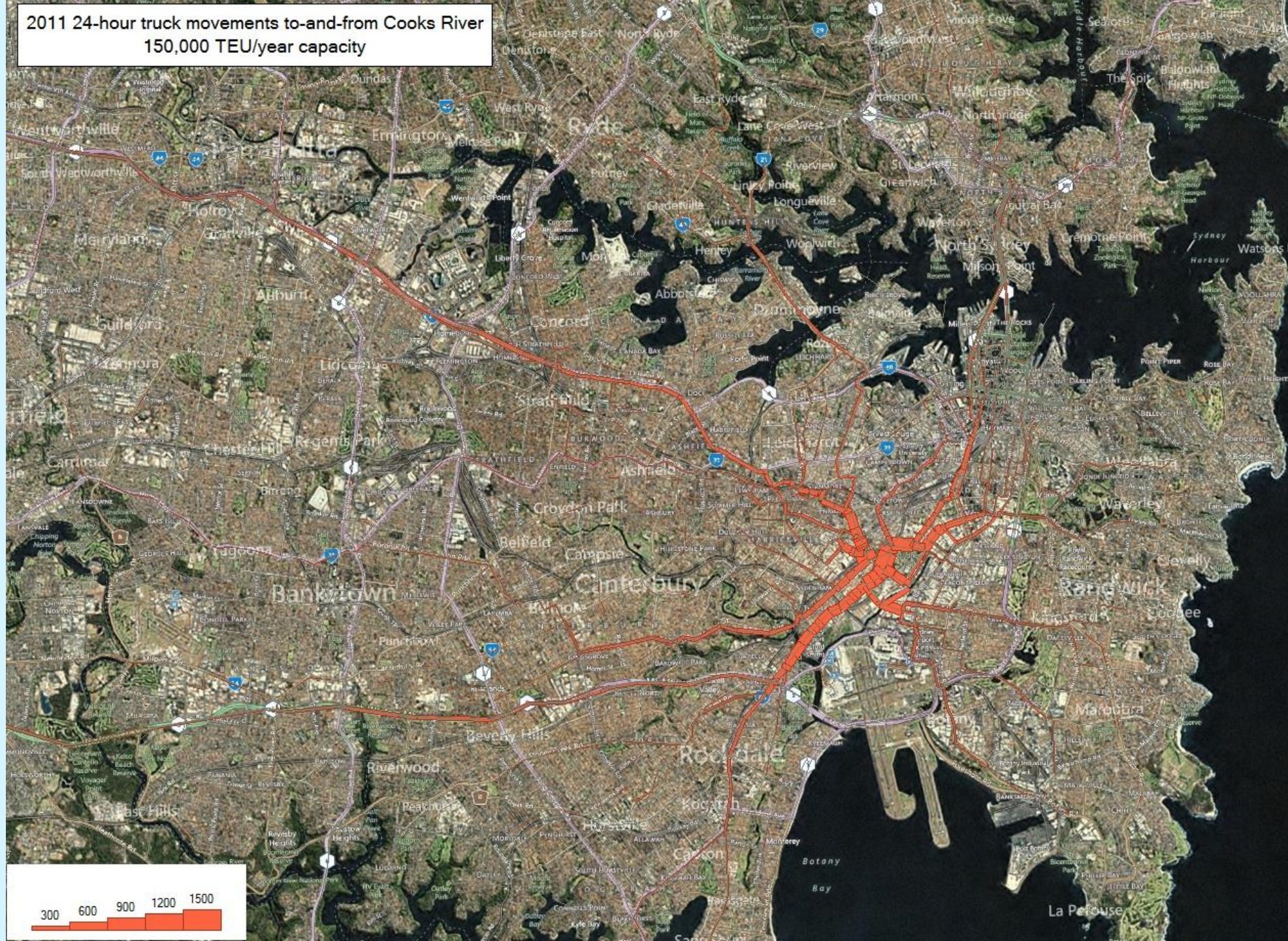
Generally speaking the traffic fans out in a star shape, but is modified by the road network
– which is impacted by rivers and railway lines

The important aspect is – when considering intermodal traffic – to also consider this distribution traffic

2011 24-hour truck movements to-and-from Chullora
300,000 TEU/year capacity
(Interstate freight only)?



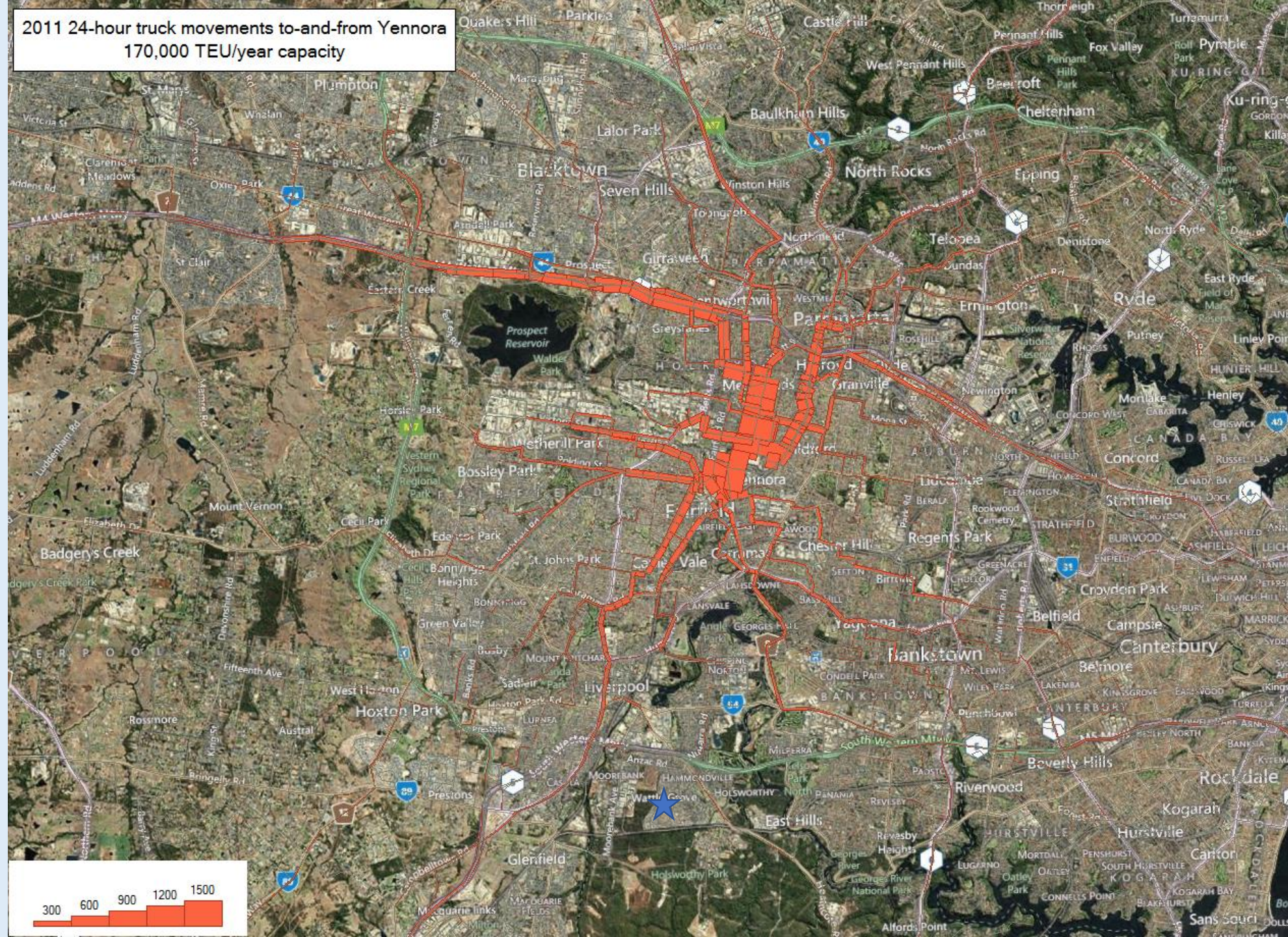
2011 24-hour truck movements to-and-from Cooks River
150,000 TEU/year capacity



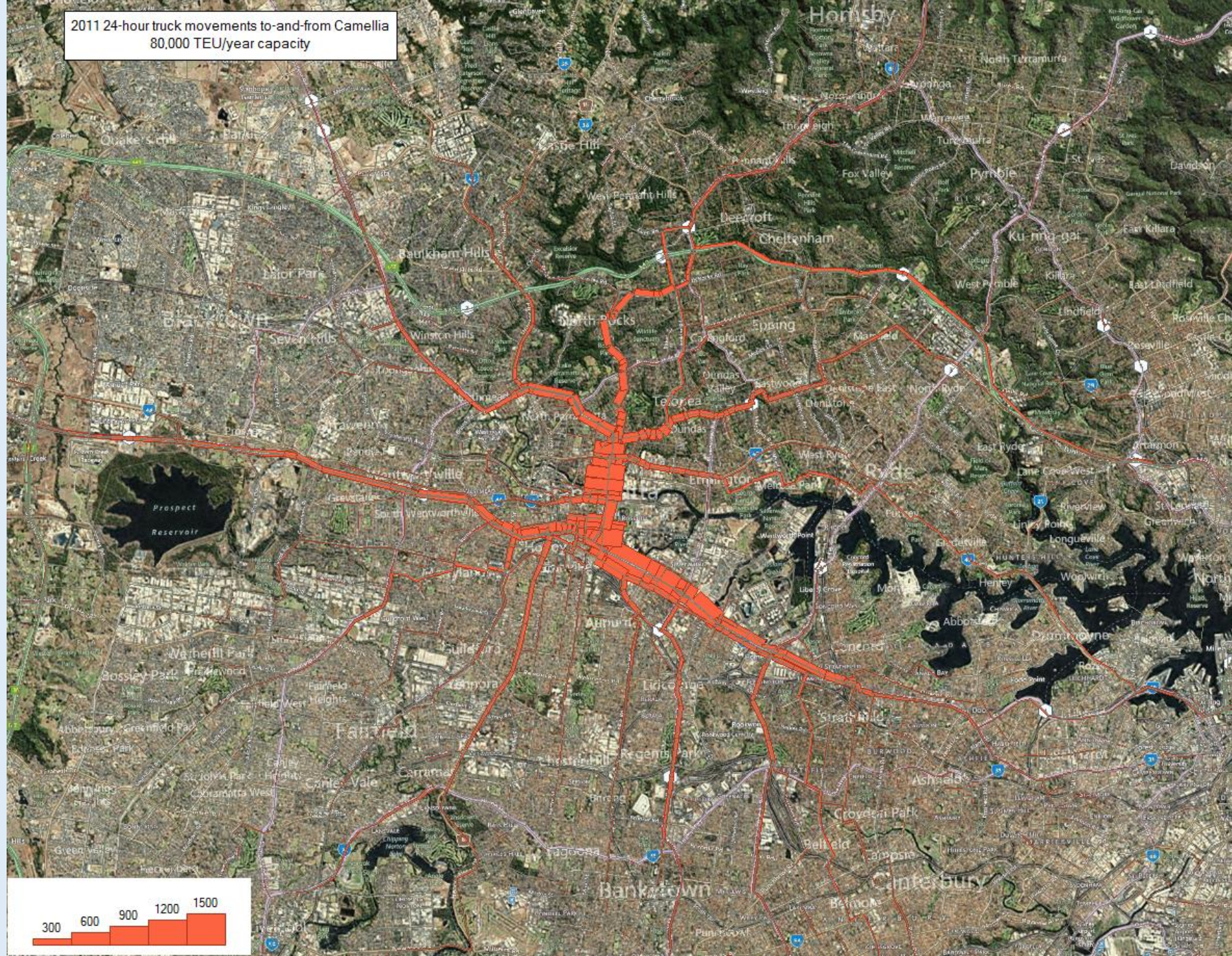
2011 24-hour truck movements to-and-from Minto
150,000 TEU/year capacity



2011 24-hour truck movements to-and-from Yennora
170,000 TEU/year capacity



2011 24-hour truck movements to-and-from Camellia
80,000 TEU/year capacity



Employment estimates for employment is widely over-estimated.

A recent American study showed that the

- max employment achieved was 60% of estimates
- Min employment achieved was -11% of the estimates

Intermodal Freight Facilities – Actual job creation

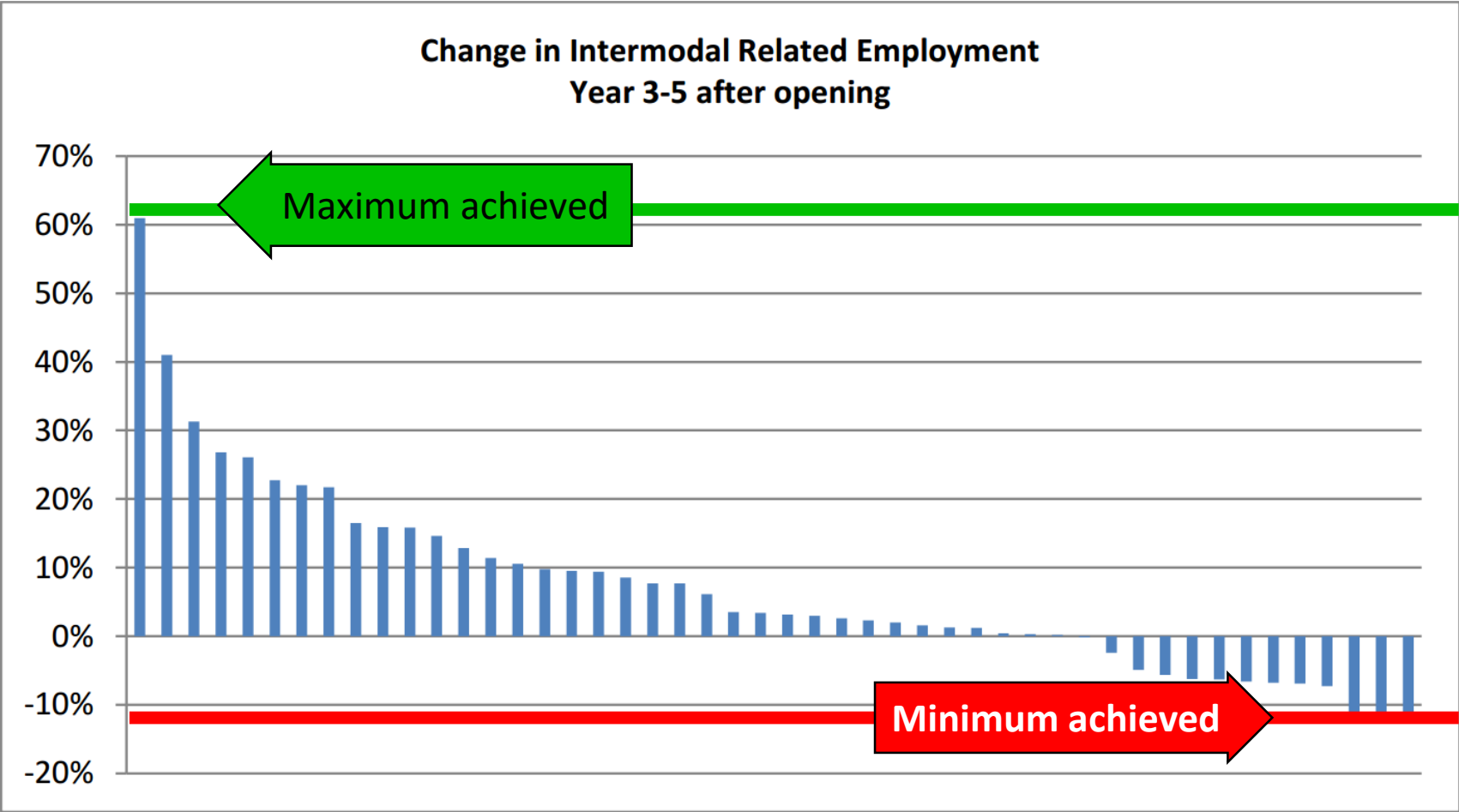


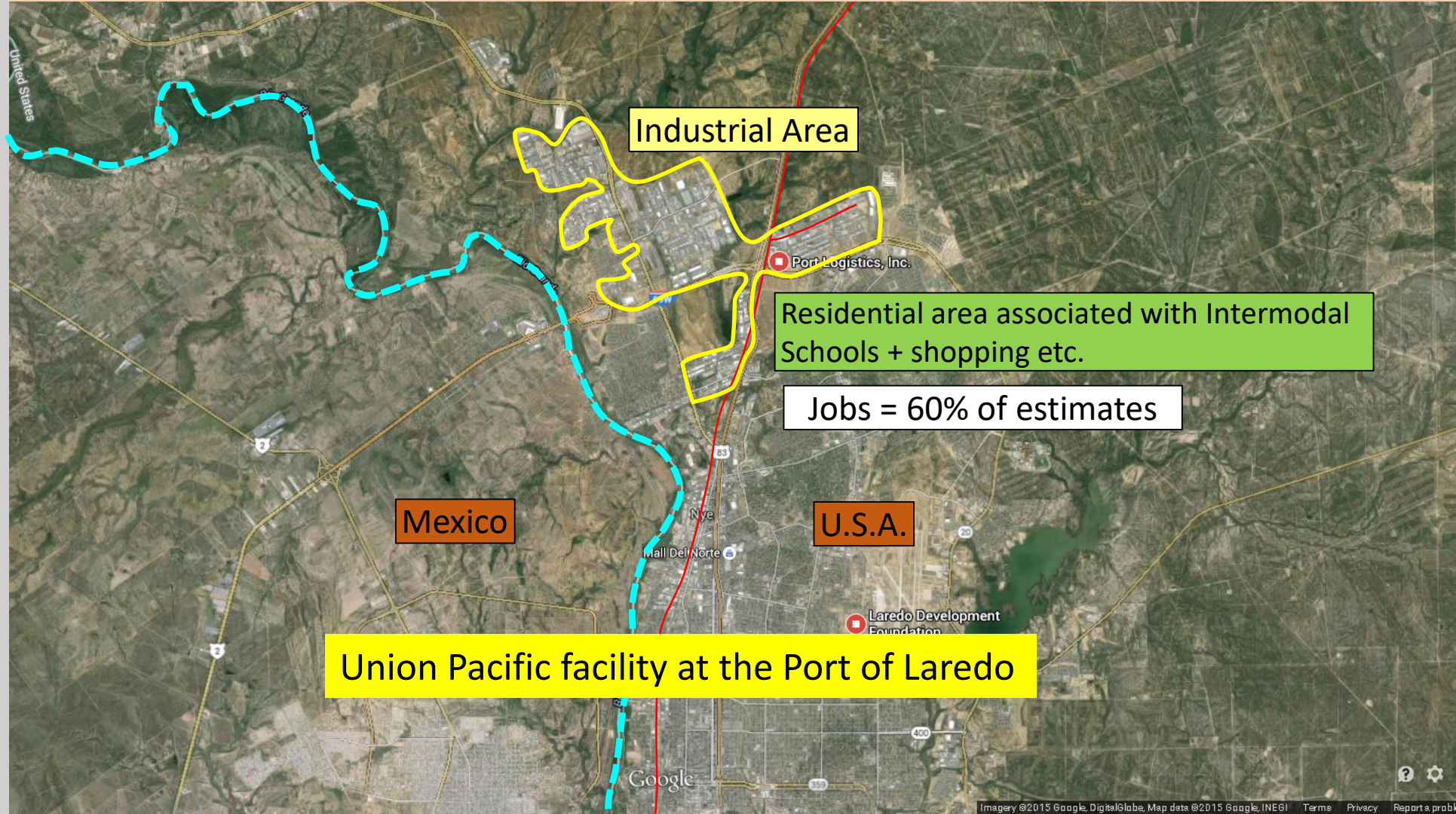
Figure 1: Change in Intermodal Related Employment at a Sampling of IFFs

Laredo's economy is based on international trade with Mexico (and USA).

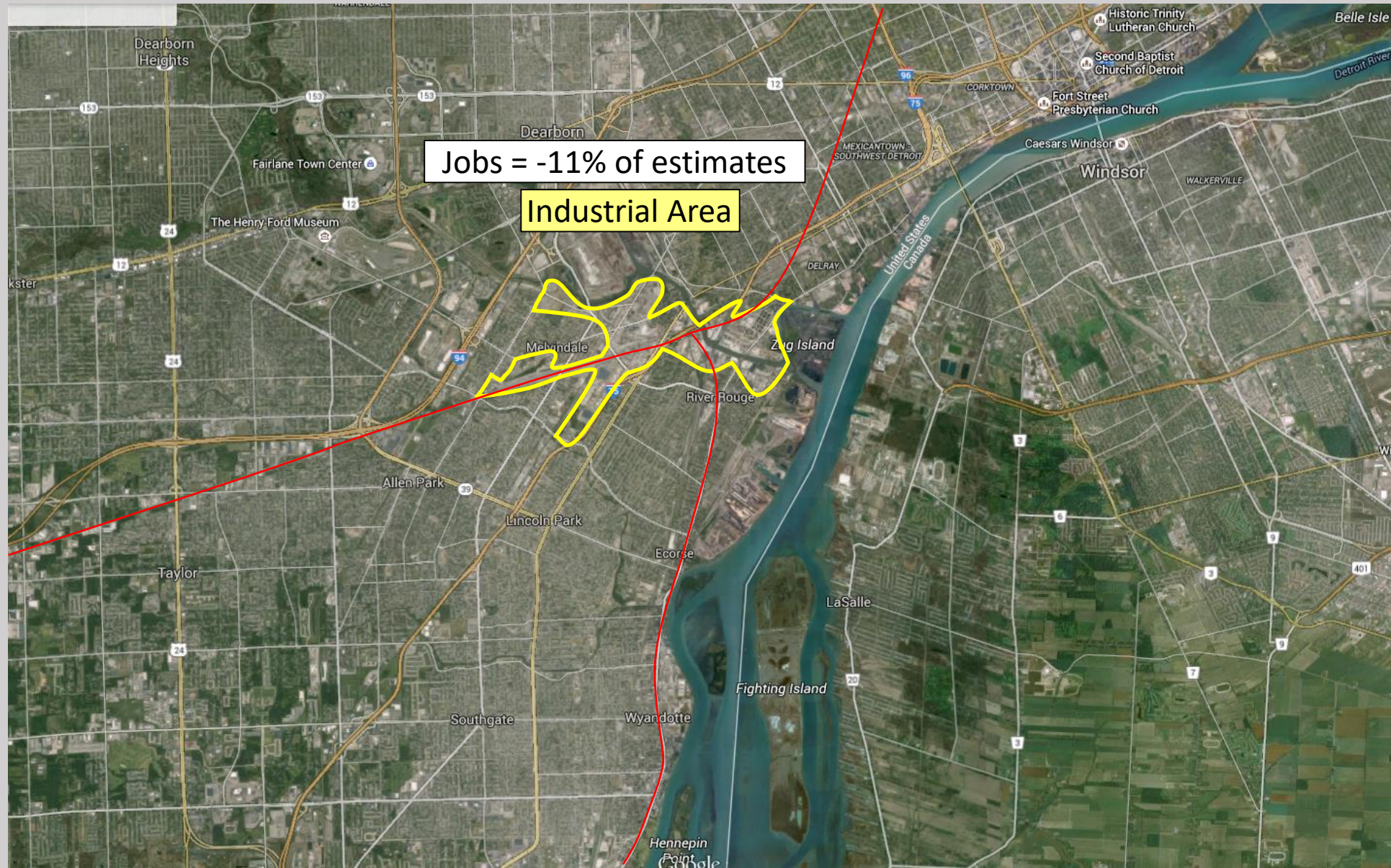
Most major transportation companies have a facility in Laredo.

The city's location on the southern end of [I-35](#) close to the manufacturers in northern Mexico promotes its vital role in trade between the two nations.

the city population was 236,191



Detroit Intermodal freight facility actual experienced declines in intermodal related employment



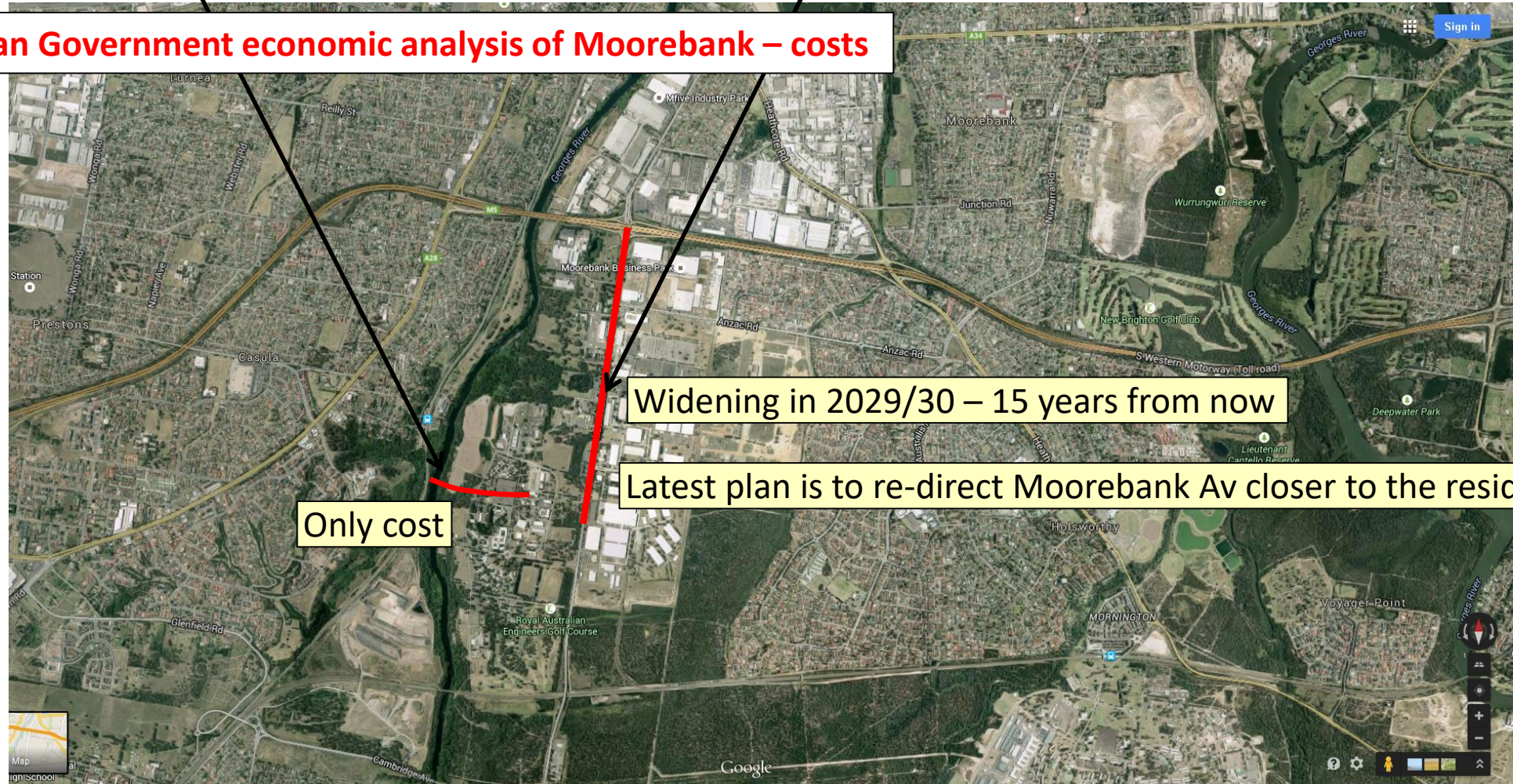
4. Using this policy the road network capacity will not meet demand

- **Connection to the SSFL** – the rail connection into the site would cross the Georges River at the northern end of the site. The IMEX and Interstate trains would share this connection.
- **Road access** – the Project is expected to require the widening of Moorebank Avenue to a four-lane carriageway. The design caters for additional turning lanes to accommodate the increased traffic volumes estimated to occur in 2029/30.



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Australian Government economic analysis of Moorebank – costs

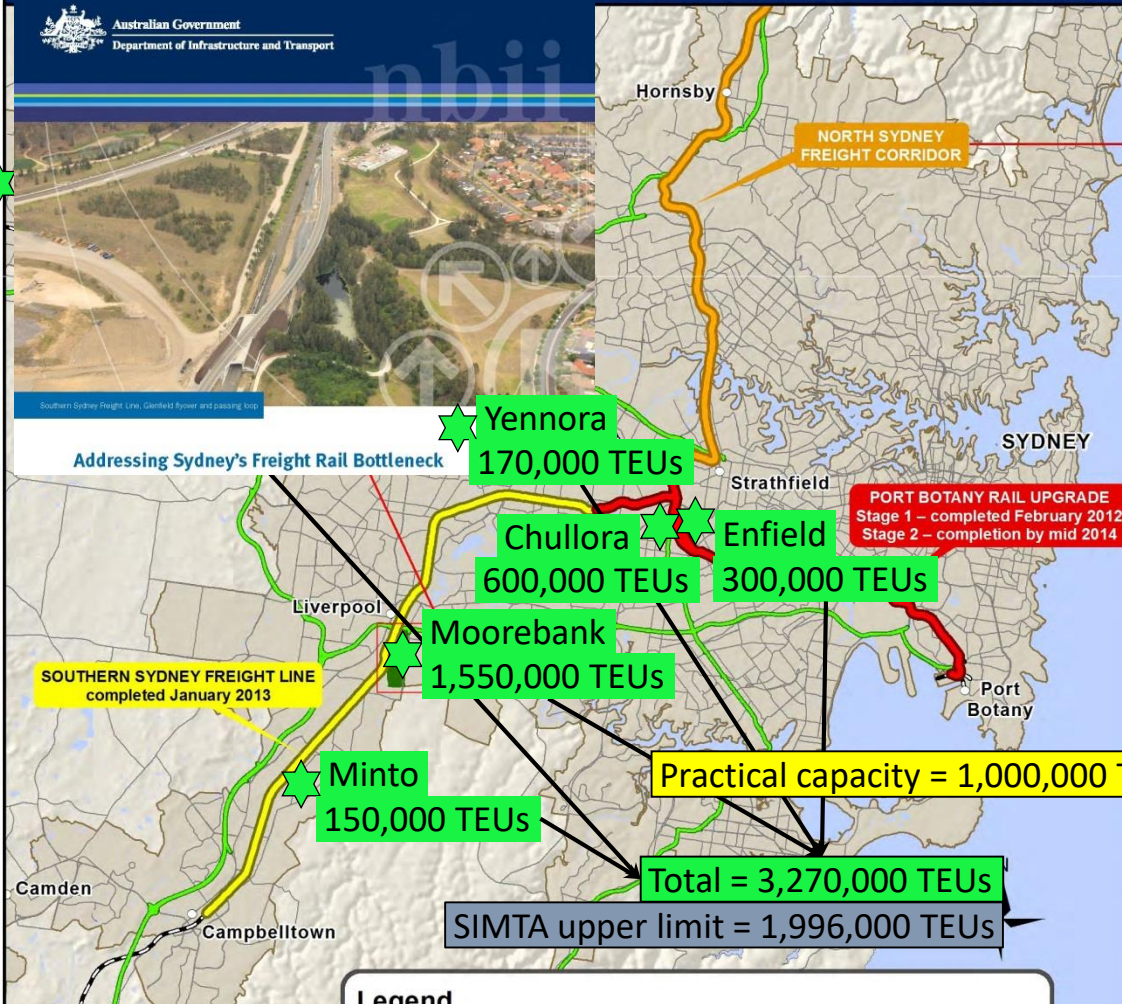


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IMPROVING SYDNEY'S FREIGHT RAIL NETWORK

Australian Government
Department of Infrastructure and Transport

Eastern Creek
500,000 TEUs



Port Botany rail upgrades

The Australian Government is providing over \$175 million to improving the Port Botany rail access arrangements to Port Botany.

Stage 1 of the Port Botany Rail Line Upgrade, completed in February 2012, removed a significant bottleneck between the Port Botany Rail Yard and port terminals and improved safety and operating arrangements.

Stage 2 works are well underway and involve the upgrade of the Enfield Rail Yard to provide train staging capacity to hold trains away from the congested Port Botany area as well as additional signalling to increase track capacity and enable remote control of signals from ARTC's train control facility at Junee.

The rail upgrades will:

- lift capacity of the Port Botany rail line by more than 30 per cent, and
- increase capacity for container movements to and from the Port from around 700,000 containers per annum to around 1,000,000 containers per annum.

The rail upgrades mean there will be 300,000 fewer truck movements per annum on the road network in and around Port Botany when the works are completed in 2014.

By our estimates and knowledge of the Sydney Metropolitan Freight Network, 1.96 million TEUs is at the upper limit of rail capacity serving Port Botany – capacity not throughput, i.e. 48 train paths per day = 96 trains x 84 TEU train capacity, x 80% train utilisation x 364 days – 15% redundancy = 1.996 million